

Change of heart 'to ensure safety of innocent neutral shipping'

Britain orders minesweepers to the Gulf

The Government has changed its mind and ordered four British minesweepers and a support ship to the Gulf to join the Navy's Armilla Patrol. The second American convoy through the Gulf of three US-flagged tankers and four warships reached Kuwait safely after a 36-hour delay. France is sending two minesweepers, with escort ships, to reinforce its task force in the Indian Ocean, which yesterday entered the Gulf of Aden. The Americans are sending the helicopter carrier USS Guadalcanal into the Gulf with eight minesweeping helicopters on board.

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The Government changed its mind over sending minesweepers to the Gulf yesterday after a strong recommendation by the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir William Staveley, and ordered four vessels and a support ship to leave for the area as quickly as possible. Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, was careful to stress that the four minesweepers, which would be given added firepower, were being sent to supplement the Royal Navy's Armilla Patrol of three warships and were not being offered for general sweeping duties throughout the Gulf. This appeared to meet the American request for help only halfway. According to Whitehall sources, Mr Casper Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, had originally written to Mr Younger asking for a British minesweeping presence in the Gulf to help protect shipping in the narrow area south of Kuwait. Yesterday Mr Younger said that the four Hunt Class mine counter measure vessels, currently at Rosyth in Scotland, would only be responsible for British-flagged ships and would operate in the area patrolled by Royal Navy warships. Seeking the mines... 6 War of words... 10 Leading article... 11 ships, which does not include the area south of Kuwait. He said that the four minesweepers would make a "very small impression in a vast sea area" and it was not an option for them to be available in the whole Gulf region. "We can't clear the Gulf single-handed," he said. Mr Younger said he felt that the Americans would be "extremely pleased" by the decision. It had been made following the dramatic change in the situation when a mine blew a hole in the US-operated supertanker Texaco Caribbean outside the Gulf on Monday, off the United Arab Emirates port of Fujairah, previously regarded as a safe haven. Three more mines were found bobbing around in the same area yesterday.

France to reinforce task force

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

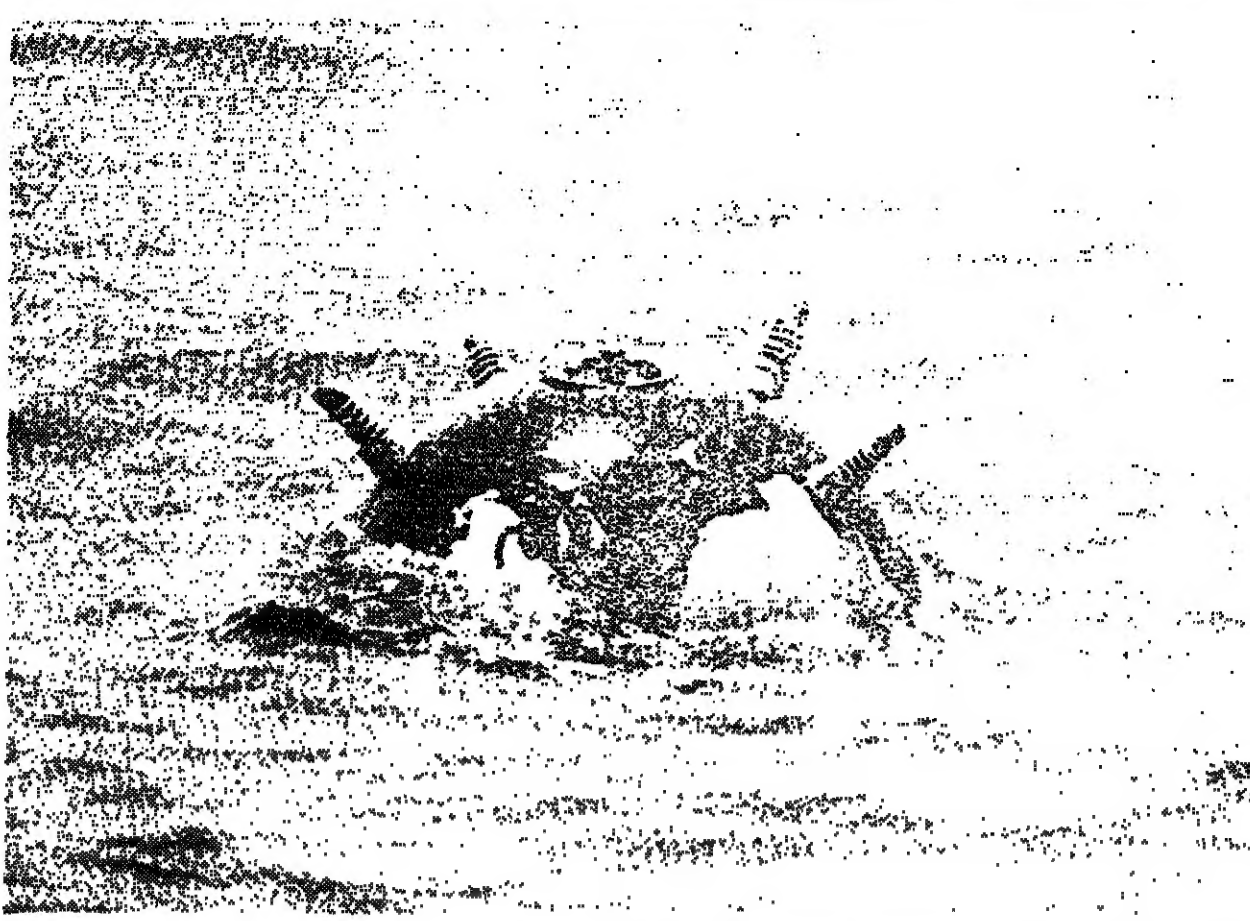
France is sending two minesweepers, with escort ships, to reinforce its task force in the Indian Ocean. M. Andre Girard, the Defence Minister, said yesterday. They would reinforce the aircraft carrier, two frigates and a supply ship which left Toulon two weeks ago. But the French Interior Minister, M. Charles Pasqua, said France would not engage in any specific minesweeping operations in the Gulf. The task force yesterday entered the Gulf of Aden where it will carry out exercises. Meanwhile, M. Pasqua said there was no proof that Iran was involved in the terrorist bombings in Paris in 1986. "We suspect that links exist between certain terrorist groups and members of the Iranian Embassy in Paris, but we have never said that Iran itself was involved."

More mines but US convoy safe

From Robert Fisk, Dubai

America's second convoy through the Gulf reached Kuwait safely yesterday without damage to its three US-flagged oil tankers and four US naval escorts, but only after a delay of 36 hours to deal with a mine which had been discovered on the seabed in the convoy's path. The American ships are now expected to escort the damaged supertanker Bridgeton - struck by a mine on the first in-bound convoy but now partially loaded with oil - out of the Gulf and through the Strait of Oman. Any joy this first in-bound convoy's success may have produced in Washington, however, will have been overshadowed by the discovery yesterday of further mines in the Gulf of Oman, in the very waters where the Americans form their convoys for the Kuwait voyage and where, indeed, British frigates of the Armilla patrol regularly refuel. The news last night that both Britain and France were now sending minesweepers to the Gulf area had been regarded by shipping agents here as inevitable once mines appeared in the Gulf of Oman, although the British minesweepers are believed to have been instructed to sail only as far as Bahrain on the naval voyages already undertaken by British warships escorting British flag vessels through the Strait of Hormuz. Nor can the Americans be over-optimistic about their forthcoming convoy prospects on the outbound voyage from Kuwait. The return journey to Hormuz will be more dangerous since the Bridgeton and then the other three vessels - will be weighed down in the water by their cargo of oil, and able to travel only along specific and narrow sea lanes until they reach an area north of Qatar. Yesterday's convoy had been delayed on the last stage of its journey to Kuwait by a mine journeyed to the seabed in just such a channel. It was apparently discovered by American helicopters flying from one of the escorting warships which used sonar equipment to detect devices in the water. US naval commanders have no doubt that this mine was laid by Iran although - like the mine which struck the Bridgeton - it may be impossible to prove. The discovery of more mines off Fujairah yesterday sets an even bleaker problem for the Americans, whose naval vessels are more vulnerable to this type of warfare than their supertankers. Nor

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One of the three potentially deadly mines found yesterday off Fujairah, menacing shipping in the Gulf of Oman anchorage.

England salvage some pride

Mike Gattling and Ian Botham

Mike Gattling and Ian Botham turned almost inevitable defeat into an heroic draw at the Oval yesterday as England salvaged their pride in the fifth and final Cornhill Test match. Gattling, the captain, scored a magnificent unbeaten 150, ably partnered by Botham (51 not out), to deny Pakistan a 2-0 series victory which had looked likely when the day's play began. They came together after 75 minutes play with England at 139 for four in their second innings and facing an innings defeat. But they were still there when Imran Khan, Pakistan's captain, called it off 30 minutes early. The partnership survived for 72 overs and took England to 315 for four, 161 runs short of Pakistan's first innings total. But after four days of near humiliation, Gattling and Botham at least lessened the pain of England's third consecutive home series defeat and Pakistan's first since 1952.

In a near six-hour stay at the crease, Gattling's 302-ball vigil included 21 fours and earned him a ninth Test century and his fifth three-figure score from the last 14 Tests. His reward was England's man of the series award. Botham, playing his last Test innings this year, and perhaps of all time, had to settle for the thanks of his colleagues. He ignored almost all temptation to attack as he battled through 253 minutes and 210 deliveries, displaying a level of concentration many thought beyond him. Reports, page 40



Victor: Imran Khan with the Cornhill Trophy

Crisis will force revision of child abuse treatment

By Ian Smith

Sweeping changes in the treatment and management of child abuse cases will result from the judicial inquiry which opened yesterday. At the outset of the hearing at Middlesbrough Town Hall, ordered by the Secretary of State for Health in the wake of the Cleveland child abuse controversy, Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss was urged to recommend an immediate review of government sexual abuse guidelines which local authorities follow. Under scrutiny by Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss and her three assessors will be the provision of a central register of child abuse victims, medical agreement over diagnostic techniques and review of court proceedings which bring trauma to children and parents. Both Dr Marietta Higgs and Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, the paediatricians at Middlesbrough General Hospital who diagnosed 83 cases of sexual abuse in six weeks, were at the hearing. Mr Mathew Thorpe, QC, representing the Treasury Solicitor, described the increase as "phenomenal" causing disagreement and conflict, tearing families apart and giving Cleveland a place in the history books. Mr Simon Hawkesworth, QC, appearing on behalf of

between 20 and 30 parents whose children had been taken into care, recorded the resulting marital breakdowns and family stigma. The doctors' QC, Mr Robert Nelson, described them as dedicated, skilled and hard-working paediatricians who had ventured into a socially unacceptable medical sphere. Already the controversy has brought changes in the treatment of child abuse cases in Cleveland. Social workers undergo intense training, place of safety orders are most often restricted to seven days, and parents are encouraged to become involved in treatment of allegedly abused children wherever possible. To lessen criticism over the sessions held between supposedly abused children, child psychiatrists, doctors and social workers, a new centre has been opened at Middlesbrough General Hospital to allow a more sensitive approach. Surrounded by toys in a relaxed atmosphere children are encouraged to relive their experiences. Though the number of witnesses to be called has not yet been decided, it is expected the hearing could last for three months. It resumes today.

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Rhodes visitors urged to cancel

By Harvey Elliott

British tourists planning to fly to the Greek island of Rhodes were last night advised to cancel their holidays as huge fires threatened to sweep down on hotels in the most popular resorts. Hundreds of holidaymakers in and around the resort of Lindos were evacuated from their hotels as tour operators cancelled flights to Rhodes due today. Thomas Cook, who have up to 600 clients on the island, were contacting a further 200 due to fly out today and advising them not to travel. "We will offer them alternative accommodation, another holiday or their money back," said a spokesman. Tour operators Wings said last night that they were advising clients not to travel to Lindos, and had spent most of yesterday trying to telephone 200 who are due to fly out there today, as a state of emergency was declared by the Greek Government. But Thomson Holidays, who say they have up to 5,000 clients on the island, with another six full flights due out today, will not make changes in their bookings - "we wouldn't put them at risk if we thought there was any danger," a spokesman said. The blaze has already destroyed more than 25,000 acres of forest, olive groves, vineyards and fruit orchards and killed livestock. ATHENS: As the wind changed direction last night, the blaze reached the outskirts of Archangelos, a township of 4,500, halfway between Lindos and the town of Rhodes (Mario Modiano writes). Lardos and Pefkoi, two holiday sites favoured by British tourists, near Lindos, were hastily emptied.

Space race warning to ministers

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The Government was given a warning yesterday that Britain would have to watch the rest of the world exploit space unless it had the confidence to support the £300 million space development plan proposed by Mr Roy Gibson, who recently resigned as director general of the British National Space Centre. The warning came from the Space Society, whose members include space technologists, bankers, lawyers, industrialists and senior civil servants. A statement from the society's chairman, Mr Tony Sumner of the merchant bank Kleinwort Benson, regrets the rejection of the British space plan, which led to the resignation of Mr Gibson, who is president of the Space Society. The society believes the increase recommended in the Gibson space plan from £100 million to £300 million a year is modest by government standards and when viewed against the higher amount already spent by Italy, India, Canada, West Germany and Japan. The large sums spent by the United States, Russia and China, and the fact that France pays nine times more than Britain, are all seen as a recognition by those countries of the importance of space technology to their future prosperity. Spectrum, page 8

The figures, which were widely seen as the key indicator of this week's economic statistics, were broadly as the market expected. Mr Mark Brown of Phillips and Drew, the stockbroker, said: "It fits in with our forecast of a current deficit in the second half of the year of £200m-£300m a month." In the first half of the year there was a surplus of £37 million. A Treasury spokesman said yesterday that the deficit for the year as a whole would now be smaller than the £1.5 billion forecast at the time of the Budget. Analysis would, however, show that the buoyancy of imports of cars and other consumer goods and the fall in imports of capital goods for industrial equipment. The City's eyes are now fixed on tomorrow's figures on pay trends, and Friday's inflation statistics. A small increase in the underlying rate of pay increases is widely expected, while inflation is anticipated to rise from 4.2 per cent to about 4.5 per cent before falling back. Mr John Banham, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, said: "The June trade figures are the third set of official statistics this week to show that worries about the economy overheating are unjustified."

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Prisons poach nurses by doubling NHS pay

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The Home Office is poaching National Health Service nurses for its prison medical services by offering almost double the NHS rates of pay. The move, which is likely to exacerbate the NHS nurse recruitment crisis, has already prompted calls from the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) for the health service to compete with similar rates of pay. Last year more than 30,000 qualified nurses left the NHS, many of them attracted by higher pay in the private sector and abroad. Yesterday the prison medical services admitted that they had recruitment difficulties and were still 21 per cent short of their 1,200 nurse establishment. Mr Peter Barker, hospital officer responsible for nursing manpower, said that the new restructuring proposals had been designed both to achieve equal opportunities and introduce a higher proportion of qualified staff. Under the previous structure, men with no nursing qualifications were paid more as hospital officers than female qualified nurses. Now the organization has been restructured so that male and female qualified nurses can both be employed as hospital officers. This gives female nurses the right to open and lock cells and gives them greater responsibility. Mr Barker denied that they would be in greater danger of being attacked. Miss Harriet Harman, Labour's health spokeswoman, said last night that the Home Office rates undermined the fact that NHS nurses were undervalued and underpaid. In the NHS earns only £7,300, rising to £8,600 after five years. Last night the RCN said it was pleased that one Government department had decided to pay nurses what they were worth but added: "If the Government can find the money for the prison service, why can't they find it for the NHS so that they can stem the flow of nurses leaving?" Last year more than 30,000 qualified nurses left the NHS, many of them attracted by higher pay in the private sector and abroad. Yesterday the prison medical services admitted that they had recruitment difficulties and were still 21 per cent short of their 1,200 nurse establishment. Mr Peter Barker, hospital officer responsible for nursing manpower, said

After three years' training, a staff nurse

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## NEWS SUMMARY

## Rover plant sold to management

The Rover Group is to sell off its radiator and seat frame subsidiary in South Wales to the plant's management and 850 employees for an undisclosed price.

General Motors was among those interested in buying Llanelli Radiator, but Rover said yesterday that the offer from local management, combined with assurances about employment, research and development and investment, provided the best future for the plant. The buy-out is expected to be completed by early October.

The plant, which has an annual turnover of £30 million, makes all Austin Rover's car radiators, heaters and seat frames as well as supplying rival car makers including Honda UK, Nissan and General Motors.

Since Mr Graham Day joined Rover as chairman in May he has sold Leyland Bus, the parts operation Unipart and recently its computer services operation to management and employees.

## Book put on order

Copies of *Spycatcher*, the memoirs of the former MI5 officer, Mr Peter Wright, are to be stocked in Glasgow's main libraries, it was decided yesterday.

An order for 20 copies was made immediately after the decision by the city council's arts and culture committee to stock the book.

Mr Andrew Miller, director of libraries, said later that he expected the books to arrive in Glasgow next week by air freight from the United States, at a total cost of about \$400.

## Memorial for officer

A memorial is to be unveiled to Detective Constable John Fordham, who was stabbed to death in a garden at West Kingsdown, Kent, while on undercover investigations into the £26 million Brink's Mat heist robbery.

It is to be put up on West Kingsdown Green, close to the spot where he was killed.

Lord Denning, former Master of the Rolls, will unveil the red granite memorial on September 1.

## Crossbow inquiry

Scotland Yard confirmed yesterday that a police officer who claimed to have been hit twice by a crossbow sniper has been suspended while senior officers investigate the matter.

Police Constable Anthony Geary, aged 20, said a week ago that a crossbow bolt had hit a radio pinned to his chest as he patrolled an estate in south London. He said that a second bolt slashed his arm.

Scotland Yard said that PC Geary had only recently begun patrolling on his own.

## Rare disorder strikes

Two young children from the same family have died from a rare disorder which normally only affects three children in every million. Medical experts are now monitoring the family's four surviving children in an attempt to ascertain the cause of Reyer's syndrome and to prevent any further occurrence. The disorder can be treated if caught in time but is often fatal.

An inquest at Worcester was told yesterday that Shazad Ditta, aged five, of Snowhill Close, Worcester, died from the syndrome less than three hours after being taken ill. His sister Yasmin, aged three, died in similar circumstances last year. Verdicts of death by natural causes were recorded.

## Third time lucky for sea eagles

By Andrew Morgan

White-tailed eagles, which became extinct in Britain in 1916, have been bred in Scotland for the third year running.

The Nature Conservancy Council reintroduced the birds 12 years ago, with the RAF carrying fledgling eagles from Norway each June to their new home on the island of Rhum.

There, they became used to the Hebridean hills before being released the next autumn.

This year, two pairs produced three chicks, bringing the total raised to six in the past three years.

A group called the Sea Eagle Project Team has monitored the nests in some of the tightest security mounted by ornithologists. So far 82 young birds have been released in the past 10 years.

In 1985 the first sea eagle chick was raised in the wild for more than 70 years. The parents produced two more chicks in 1986 and two more this year.

A second pair of sea eagles, which have made unsuccessful attempts to breed in the past, are responsible for the third of this year's chicks.

Mr Martin Ball, the Nature Conservancy Council's officer for North-west Scotland, said: "The birds released on Rhum are now beginning to populate the Hebridean Islands and we look forward to their further colonization of what was once their ancestral home."

The sea eagles protection scheme is funded by Eagle Star Insurance and organized by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and local landowners.

A family of rare spotted flycatchers from Africa have made their summer home in Britain—in a rack of floor mops at Monkwood, near Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.

## Passport charges

Mr Kevin McDonald, the Irish passport official whose extradition to Britain is being sought by London police, may face further as yet unspecified charges, a Dublin court was told yesterday.

Mr McDonald, aged 37, who was based at the Irish Embassy in London, where the alleged illegal sale of passports took place, was remanded on continuing bail of £10,000 during a brief appearance at Dublin District Court.

He will appear in court again on August 28.

## Divorcée living with new lover keeps alimony

By Frances Gibb  
Legal Affairs Correspondent

A divorced wife must still be paid £4,500 a year in maintenance by her former husband even though she has set up home with another man, two Court of Appeal judges held yesterday.

In a ruling which one of the judges admitted went against what "the man in the street" would say was right, the judges held that although a wife as a matter of policy loses her right to maintenance if she remarries, that does not normally extend to cohabitation.

Lord Justice May and Mr

Justice Waterhouse dismissed an appeal by Mr Robert Atkinson, of the Grove, West Hartlepool, Cleveland, described as a "successful businessman", against a £4,500 maintenance order without time limit.

They said it was "irrelevant" that there was a sexual aspect to the woman's relationship; her financial position was just as if she was living with her brother.

The ruling, likely to be contested in the House of Lords, has wide implications for divorced husbands paying maintenance and seems to fly in the face of the "clean break"

principle of recent legislation. But the Court of Appeal said the principle could not be achieved in all circumstances.

In the present case, the wife had little earning capacity and her cohabitee earned a small wage as a nurseryman.

Mr Atkinson and his wife Angela were divorced in 1982 after a 22-year marriage. He had given her a house, car, lump-sum payment and made maintenance payments which he increased by consent to £6,000 a year in 1983.

But when she moved in with another man he objected to continuing maintenance.

Mr Robert Johnson, QC, for Mr Atkinson, had argued that a former wife who cohabits permanently with another man should not be in a better position than a former wife who remarries, or the law would "seem to be an ass".

He said the former wife and the other man had a "massive incentive" to remain unmarried while maintenance continued.

But Lord Justice May ruled yesterday that Mrs Atkinson had not acquired any "right of support" or "similar rights of a married woman" in living with the man, a Mr Jeffs.

The judge conceded that if

the question of whether maintenance should be payable was "put to a man in the street, rather than a woman", the immediate response would be that it should end when she went to live with another man.

Mr Atkinson had contested the maintenance before Judge Forrester-Paton at Hartlepool County Court. He reduced the maintenance to £4,500 but said he was unable to end it or reduce it to a nominal sum and yesterday the Court of Appeal agreed.

Lord Justice May said that after the divorce Mrs Atkinson, whose two children were

grown-up, went to live in Allerton Drive, Nether Poppleton, Yorkshire. After selling the house she had a bed and breakfast business at Donnington, nearby, but it was unsuccessful.

The mortgage she and Mr Jeffs obtained on their Acomb house had been partly on the basis of her income from her husband's maintenance. Judge Forrester-Paton was satisfied the decision of the couple not to marry was "financially motivated to a large extent" but felt bound by legal precedent not to reduce maintenance to a nominal sum.

## Productivity records put top miners on £20,000

By Staff Reporters

Record-breaking productivity is putting British coal miners into the £20,000-a-year bracket even before overtime, according to British Coal.

The money is being made up with bonus payments, particularly at the "super-pits" in the Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire coalfields, and underlines how much members of the National Union of Mineworkers stand to lose if they vote for industrial action over the revised disciplinary code.

Voting among the 90,000 NUM members is taking place over the next three weeks, with the result expected on August 23. If the vote for action is confirmed, an overtime ban is almost certain to be called.

Talks to avert industrial action take place today between negotiating teams led by Mr Arthur Scargill, the NUM president, and Sir Robert Haslam, chairman of British Coal. But the meeting has already been soured by a propaganda battle over a British Coal video film outlining its case.

Miners in South Wales held their ballot yesterday, three days earlier than planned, after learning that British Coal planned to show them the film, featuring Mr Denzil George, the area's industrial relations manager.

When British Coal heard of the ballot date switch, it despatched copies of the film around the coalfield. By the time most miners had voted yesterday, the film had been shown at a number of pit canteens and in what management described as "strategic locations" chosen by pit managers.

The reaction of the South Wales leaders to the film is a blow to British Coal, as it is the only area which has said it would agree to the concept of six-day production in the industry which British Coal is demanding as part of greater flexibility.

The latest output and pay figures show that in May faceworkers were earning £223 a week. The figure for all underground workers was £198 and the average for all surface workers £190.

## Labour's conference may face staff picket

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Unions representing Labour Party staff warned Mr Larry Whitty, the general secretary, yesterday that they would refuse to accept any job cuts.

The threat of a confrontation between staff and the party leadership remained last night after the first of a likely long and tense series of meetings between Mr Whitty and the joint trade union committee, representing five unions at the headquarters at Walworth Road, south-east London, and in the regions.

Some staff are threatening to embarrass the party by picketing its annual conference in Brighton next month.

Mr Whitty, who has been accused of "practising Thatcherism", is seeking the removal of 40 jobs, many of them unskilled, and the closure of the party's newspaper, *Labour Weekly*, in an attempt to make cuts of £1.2 million.

The negotiations got off to a

small proportion of the top faceworkers are able to earn between £45 and £48 a day in bonus payments on top of their weekly wage, as a result of increased production brought about by investment in new machinery.

The high earnings, of up to nearly £400 a week, go to miners breaking productivity targets, which vary from pit to pit. On top of that, the faceworkers can opt for overtime which raises their earnings even higher.

British Coal announced last month that men in the Selby showcase colliery had broken their own all-time British output and productivity record.

Men at Wistow, one of the five pits in the Selby complex in North Yorkshire, cut 17.5 tonnes of coal a man-shift in a week. Their previous record was 15.26 tonnes. The 900 Wistow miners were producing almost five times the national average and setting the pace for national earnings.

Mr Albert Tuke, the North Yorkshire area director, said that the pit was reaping the rewards of substantial investment in heavy duty equipment and new technology. Selby was established as a multi-million pound investment for British Coal with the aim of producing four to five times the national coal output.

Meanwhile, workers at open-cast mines in South Wales are to stage a one-day strike today after voting overwhelmingly for a stoppage in protest over the lack of job security.

Nearly 2,000 workers, belonging to the Transport and General Workers Union, are due to heed the strike call at all six open-cast sites, which are put out to tender by British Coal to the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors.

The union has accused the federation of refusing to give the workers any guarantees of job security when open-cast sites are closed or extended.

The federation says its hands are tied by British Coal which itself has to apply for planning permission when it wants to extend the sites.

## Irish embassy staff on strike



By Robin Young

Striking staff picketed the Irish embassy in London yesterday in protest at plans to move 13 of them back to Dublin. They are clerical assistants and staff officers with up to ten years' service in London, and the Civil and Public Services Staff Union claims that their lives would be unfairly disrupted if they are recalled now.

They were originally appointed on condition that they would stay in London for at least two years, but in 1983 the Irish Department of

Foreign Affairs ruled that all future embassy postings should last for a fixed term of four years.

Now the foreign affairs department is recalling all staff who have been in London for less than ten years. With an embargo on Civil Service recruitment in Ireland, and few opportunities for promotion, the department is keen to rotate as many of its staff as possible.

In Dublin, the foreign affairs department denied the strikers' claim that their action would disrupt the embassy's passport and consular services.

## Ferry hearing

## Captain faces dismissal fight

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Representatives of Captain David Lewry, who was master of the ferry Herald of Free Enterprise, which capsized last March, are to challenge the procedures under which Townsend Thoresen are seeking to discipline and possibly dismiss him.

It is believed that Townsend Thoresen may seek his dismissal but his union, the National Union of Marine, Aviation and Shipping Transport Officers (Nunast), and its solicitor are dissatisfied with the internal procedures of the company.

Mr Eric Newin, the union's general secretary, spoke yesterday of the " kangaroo court nature of what is going on". He said that the company was trying to make Captain Lewry the principal focus of blame.

It is understood that Cap-

tain John Kirby, senior master of the Herald, who was not aboard the ferry at Zeebrugge, has been demoted from senior master to master after appearing before a disciplinary panel.

Captain Kirby is regarded as being less culpable than Captain Lewry and Mr Leslie Sabel, the chief officer. He is believed to have been demoted for a year.

Captain Lewry's hearing will be held in Dover tomorrow and it is understood it will be presided over by Mr John Stevenson, deputy managing director, with Mr Michael Chaston, Townsend's personnel manager, and a master from another part of the P&O fleet.

Captain Lewry will have the right of appeal to the managing director.

The union is also calling on

the company to state the precise charges and the evidence against Captain Lewry.

Mr Newin said that the official inquiry conducted by Mr Justice Sheen ordered that Captain Lewry's certificate of competency as a master should be suspended for a year but made no recommendation of further disciplinary proceedings.

Mr Martin Sutton, the union's solicitor, said the company "was going over the top in punishing him twice".

Mr Justice Sheen found Captain Lewry guilty of "serious negligence".

But Mr Newin added that the planned action appeared to mean that he would be the only officer who would be subject to serious discipline additional to that meted out by the inquiry.

## Golden hellos for council staff

By John Spicer  
Employment Affairs Correspondent

Local authorities are being forced to pay "signing-on fees" out of the rates to attract specialist staff to London, according to a report by the Greater London Employers' Secretariat.

Most of London's 34 local authorities are offering other incentives, including loyalty bonuses and mortgage and car subsidies, in an effort to attract accountants, computer staff, valuers, surveyors and environmental health officers, the report, released yesterday, says.

It highlights the growing problems faced by local government because of the shortage of key workers, high salaries in the private sector and the difficulties of attracting specialists to London with its high cost of living. The report says: "The recruitment and retention of employees has become a widespread problem affecting all of the London boroughs."

More than 20 boroughs now offer pay supplements of £3,000 to £4,500 a year to recruit specialist staff, according to the report. Boroughs are also offering from £150 to £3,500, equal to 5 per cent of salary, if recruits stay beyond a year. An employee who stays for three years can expect further payments.

Boroughs have tried in the past to maintain similar pay levels to the private sector, but recent reviews coupled with the acute recruitment difficulties have meant that the policy no longer applies.

There is bitter competition also between authorities to employ people of the necessary calibre. The report says that 22 per cent of councils taking part in the survey said their difficulties were brought about by "poaching by other local authorities".

Some boroughs have introduced "equity sharing" schemes, which allow them to take on up to £50,000 of an employee's mortgage in return for a share of the profit if the house is sold.

The report says that 78 per cent of all local authority management jobs include the provision of a car. Similarly, in some professional areas, the provision of a car is "widespread".

The secretariat published a report last March giving details of the problems local authorities face in finding skilled workers.

The latest report says that the situation has worsened.

## Authority censures coin advert

By Ruth Gledhill

A leaflet promoting a tourist complex owned by Mr Peter de Savary, the businessman, was the subject of a successful complaint to the Advertising Standards Authority.

An unnamed member of the public complained after the unsolicited leaflet with a coin attached dropped through his letter box. The leaflet was offering a £1 reduction on admission to Littlecot Park near Hungerford, Berkshire.

The authority upheld the complaint that it was untrue to attach the coin to the unsolicited leaflet because it might fall into the hands of young children.

The complaint against Mr de Savary's company was one of three concerning children investigated in June and upheld, the authority's latest case report discloses.

A Salvation Army officer, two other people, and Action on Alcohol Abuse objected to a series of brochures for the London Refurbishing Company which showed a child playing with or drinking from a bottle of alcoholic drink.

Eight people objected to another advertisement for *Money Magazine* in the national press which included a picture of a baby holding a lit cigar.

Four advertisements which offended readers because of their depiction of women were investigated by the authority in June but none was in breach of the code.

## Council man tells tales on the peripatetic pig

Mr Nelson Crook loves animals but distrusts animal health inspectors. So when Mr Duncan Harper, an animal health inspector with Wiltshire County Council, accused him of keeping a pig in a poke, it ended with Mr Crook offering to give Mr Harper a poke in the eye.

Mr Harper had seen the pig, a young pointer called Dylon, running around the streets of Lyneham, Wiltshire, in the company of a couple of dogs. It caused him concern because at the time there had been an

outbreak of swine fever at Gloucester market and all movements of pigs were supposed to be licensed.

He had reason to believe that Dylon's unfettered trot about broke the regulations, and might even threaten the well-being of pigs for miles around. But when he went to Mr Crook's farm in Bowd Lane, Lyneham, he found a notice displayed: "Beware of the pig".

Pursuing his inquiries, it was claimed in court yesterday, Mr Harper went looking about the farm in search of

the errant pig and found himself peering through a farmhouse window not at the plump, pink animal, but at its partly naked owner, Miss Carol Wallis, aged 24.

Mr Crook, a veteran of 76 summers with a marked antipathy to local bureaucracy, accused Mr Harper of being "nothing but a peeping Tom" and then allegedly "acted like someone demented" when he suspected that Mr Harper intended to remove Dylon to a slaughterhouse.

Mr Crook has fought the animal health authorities be-

fore—and bested them. For years he refused to let animal health inspectors on to his land to gas badgers, until badger-gassing was finally abandoned.

In court at Wootton Bassett yesterday, Mr Crook was found guilty of obstructing Mr Harper, but promptly told the magistrates that he would refuse to pay the £50 fine and £100 costs.

He was ejected from the court after turning angrily on Mr Harper, accusing him of being a liar. He was forcibly restrained by a police officer

and by his son, Mr Rodney Crook, who had himself been fined £100 with £200 costs.

It was Mr Rodney Crook who had given Dylon, the peripatetic pointer, to Miss Wallis at a time when she was his fiancée.

Every porcine saga has to have a twist in the tail, and here it is. Mr Rodney Crook and Miss Wallis have recently ended their relationship. Dylon remains with the Crooks at the farm but Miss Wallis still calls occasionally—to visit the pig.



## Cleveland sexual abuse inquiry

## Doctors' wrong diagnoses wrecked families, says QC

By Ian Smith

The traumatic repercussions of child sexual abuse diagnoses which tore apart families, frightened and confused children, stigmatized parents and stretched local authority resources to breaking point were described at the opening of the judicial inquiry into the Cleveland controversy yesterday.

Marriages were wrecked, mothers separated from their children and some fathers suspended from work because of the over-zealous determination by two paediatricians to detect signs of sexual abuse in children initially admitted to Middlesbrough General Hospital to receive treatment for common illnesses, Mr Simon Hawkesworth, QC, said.

Representing between 20 and 30 parents, most of whom had already sought second medical opinions to disprove sexual abuse diagnoses, he said: "In almost every case examination was carried out on the anus or genitals with-

A couple from Cleveland yesterday began the second round of their legal fight to win custody of their three children, diagnosed by Dr Geoffrey Wyatt as being sexually abused.

Seven weeks ago, a Middlesbrough juvenile court ruled against Cleveland social services and decided that the parents could have back their son and two daughters pending a full care order hearing.

The social services immediately obtained ward of court orders enabling them to keep the girls, aged five and seven, and the boy, aged six, in care.

Yesterday the case went to the High Court in Middlesbrough, and Dr Wyatt was expected to give evidence.

The case continues today.

period of time being considered would be remarkable, but to diagnose several cases a week would suggest that such behaviour would be so widespread as to be commonplace in the community.

"There is not a shred of evidence to suggest that such a state of affairs exists in Middlesbrough or elsewhere."

Often "kept in the dark" about social service provision for the children's schooling, state of health and general welfare, the parents were told that unless they admitted their guilt they would find the return of children made difficult.

Mr Hawkesworth alleged that children had been put into the care of unsympathetic and openly hostile authorities at a highly impressionable age.

Barred from seeing their parents for more than one or two hours a week that were inevitably supervised by a social worker and feeling imprisoned by the system, children resorted to smuggling letters in their mothers' handbags because they felt prohibited from openly expressing their feelings. They knew any letters sent openly to their families would be read and censored by social services before posting.

Some children in care, he alleged, had been persuaded they had been abused while fast asleep while on other occasions parents had been told to watch video films of discussions with children in which they allegedly told of an adult's interference.

Mr Hawkesworth said: "They feel with a considerable



Mr Simon Hawkesworth: "Parents in the dark".

depth of emotion that it is they and their children who have been subjected to an abuse as dramatic as the accusations of sexual abuse to which they were subjected.

"From early spring in 1987 to July this year sexual abuse diagnoses have reached almost epidemic proportions."

He criticized as inappropriate the court granting of place of safety orders in cases where there was no history of abuse. These had led to distress and turmoil, marital breakdown and suspension of employment.

Representing the Treasury Solicitor, Mr Matthew Thorpe, QC, told the background which had led to a crisis which would undoubtedly create history because of the phenomenal rise in child abuse diagnoses in Cleveland.

In 1985, after the Jasmine Beckford case, a Department of Health and Social Security circular identified abuse and was offered for consideration by local authorities. Although it was easy to realize the concerns of parents, other agencies were more immedi-

ately concerned with the welfare of children.

Inevitably that led to a differing view and variance in approach to the problem.

At one end of the spectrum were doctors such as Mr Geoffrey Wyatt at Middlesbrough General Hospital and at the other eminent paediatricians who believed it essential that diagnoses should not rely solely upon one examination but should be based upon tests carried out by other independent experts.

As an example of the build-up in the Cleveland crisis, Mr Thorpe described how in 1986 just two children had been diagnosed as having been sexually abused while from March to July the following

year 90 similar diagnoses had been made.

A conflict developed in which Dr Higgs and Dr Wyatt did not welcome or see the need for second opinions. Parents were left bewildered and baffled and nursing staff at the hospital began to express views that the paediatricians were instituting unorthodox procedures.

Because of the spiralling diagnoses of sexual abuse an inevitable drain on resources resulted and the system began to collapse.

Social services took the side of the paediatricians while families who felt their lives were threatened looked towards police surgeons for support. Ensuing tensions caused the polarization of medical opinion with those involved adopting extreme positions.

In May, Dr Higgs and Dr Wyatt met Dr Alistair Irvine, a police surgeon, and instead of resolving their differences the meeting demonstrated how wide and deep was the gulf between the professionals and how profound their disagreements of how sexual abuse diagnoses should be made.

The two consultants placed emphasis on a single consideration of physical examination and that had given rise to what he called a "clear division" of medical opinion.

The controversy placed such a strain on resources at all levels that the various systems more or less collapsed under the strain, Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss, heading the inquiry, was told.

Mr Thorpe said the consequences of divisions of views was that hospital places and court systems were stretched to breaking point.

"It may be that there have been errors of judgement, mistaken convictions or obstinate convictions."

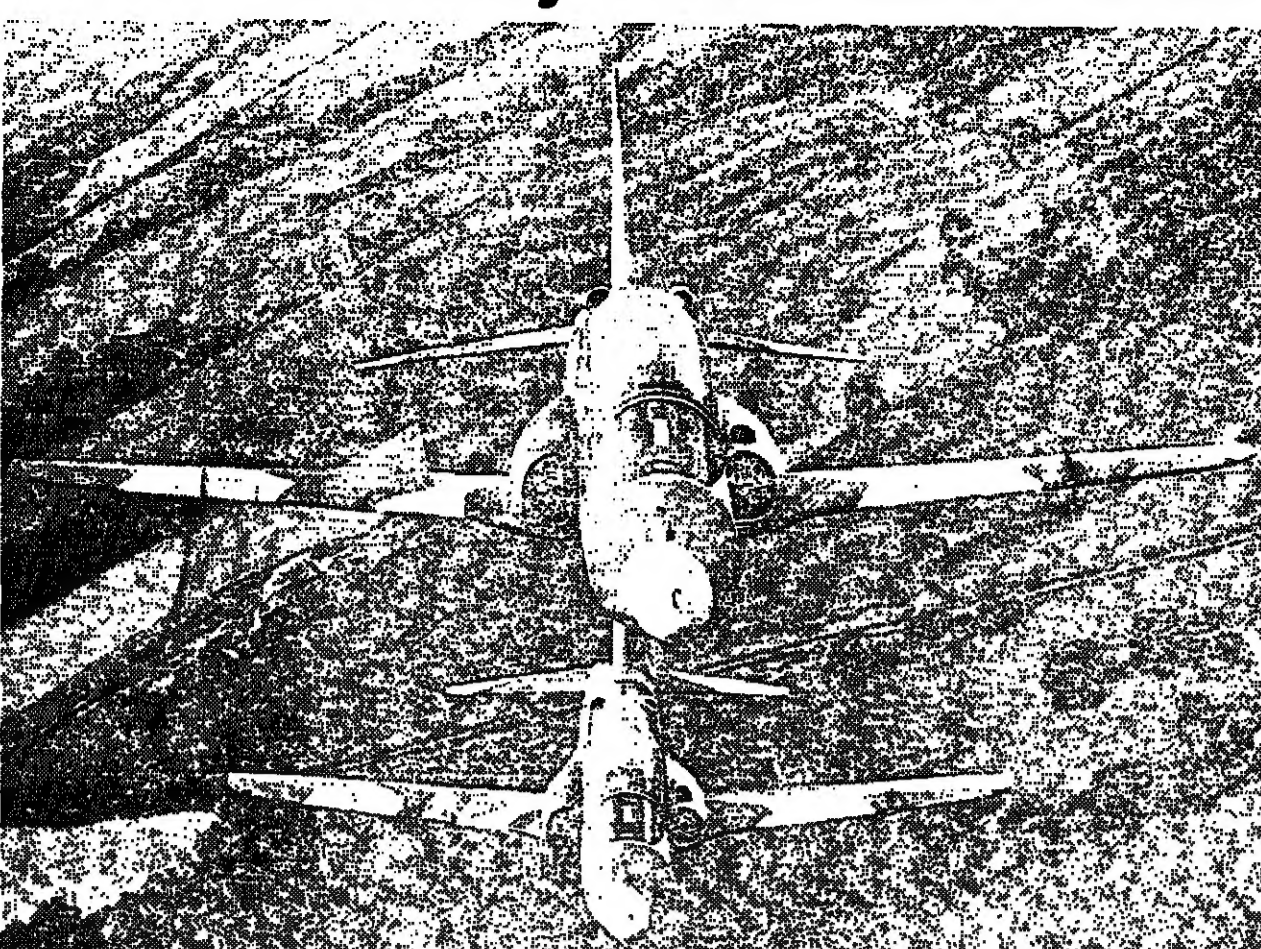
For Cleveland County Council, Mr Robin Stewart, QC, said the authority had been one of the first to take positive steps after the Beckford inquiry.

However it had still come under extreme pressure as a result of the current crisis despite determined attempts to balance the welfare of children and welfare of their families.

Mr Robert Nelson, QC, appearing for Dr Higgs and Dr Wyatt, said the two paediatricians were dedicated, skilled and conscientious people.

The inquiry, which is expected to last three months, continues today.

## Hawks hit sky in Saudi colours



Two Mk65 Hawk aircraft flying the Saudi Arabian Royal Air Force colours after being handed over by British Aerospace at Dunsfold, Surrey, yesterday.

The aircraft, to be based at Dhahran and used for training pilots, are part of a £5 billion project to supply the Saudis with a range of military aircraft, including 72 Tornados and 30 Hawks.

Initial training of some Saudi pilots will begin shortly at Dunsfold before the two Hawks are delivered in mid-October. Deliveries will be completed by the end of the next year.

Meanwhile BAe is confident of winning large orders to replace the US Air Force trainer aircraft with a plane based on the Hawk.

Mr Andy Jones, head of market development, said the contract could be for as many as 800 aircraft.

The plane would take the best components of the Hawk and the T-45 Goshawk, which BAe is producing in conjunction with McDonnell Douglas for the US Navy.

(Photograph: Peter Trelvorn)

## Arthritis research

## Aches linked to lovemaking

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Lovemaking can lead to painful bouts of arthritis, particularly among younger men and women, scientists have discovered.

The unlikely link is the subject of a new £52,000 project which has been awarded to researchers in London by the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council.

The condition, known as sexually acquired reactive arthritis (Sara), is being investigated by specialists at the Westminster Hospital.

A bacterium called chlamydia trachomatis, which is sexually transmitted and is a common cause of genital tract infections, has been detected in the joints of people with that type of arthritis.

Some people may have genetic characteristics which make them more vulnerable

to the condition, which is most likely to cause aches in their knees and ankles, the researchers have found.

"It is likely that the presence of chlamydia is the stimulus for the inflammatory change which occurs in the joint", Dr Andrew Keat, who is leading the research, said.

The bacterium is believed to trigger an arthritic reaction in a part of the body distant from the initial infection but scientists do not yet know why that occurs. However, research by Dr Keat and colleagues has shown that there is a strong genetic disposition among sufferers, marked by the presence of an antigen known as HLA B27, which is implicated in a number of other rheumatic diseases.

The prevalence of the con-

dition is unknown but probably involves a small percentage of all arthritis sufferers. Dr Josh Dixey, a Westminster Hospital rheumatologist involved in the new research, said yesterday: "This condition is a common form of arthritis in sexually active adults. It is more likely to affect men but women are also prone to it."

"The disease can be very painful, requiring drug treatment for several months. In nine out of 10 cases it eventually fades away but it can go on to become a chronic condition."

Arthritis and rheumatism are the most widespread serious ailments in Britain, with more than six million people suffering from more than 200 different types of rheumatic disease.

## 'Cuts may end transplants'

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Children and young adults waiting for bone marrow transplants are in danger of dying of leukaemia because of a shortage of trained nurses at a specialist unit in Hammersmith, a leading consultant has claimed.

The leukaemia unit at Hammersmith Hospital, west London, is critically short-staffed and has already had to close 60 per cent of its beds.

"If we lose any more staff it will be no longer viable to keep the unit open", Dr John Goldman, consultant physician and senior lecturer at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith, said.

The bed closures have led to soaring waiting lists, which means that many people will have to wait more than a year for treatment.

"Although our full complement is 28 nurses we are

only running at 10 or 11. We cannot even get agency nurses", Dr Goldman said yesterday.

He added: "It is quite immoral to have to say that you cannot have a transplant for over a year."

Dr Goldman says that the Hammersmith unit is one of only two in the world which specializes in treating chronic myeloid leukaemia, a comparatively rare form of the disease affecting the bone marrow, spleen and liver.

Dr Goldman said that as many as 20 per cent of all those on waiting lists might die before they were able to be admitted for bone marrow transplants.

The unit normally does at least 20 transplants a year but that has been cut to 10 because of the nursing shortage.

In a letter to *The Times*, published today, Dr Goldman

joins doctors at the Brompton Hospital who this week called for government action to improve salaries for qualified nursing staff.

A device, which enables people who have had cancer of the larynx to speak almost normally is to be demonstrated tomorrow at the International Symposium of the Voice in Scotland, which begins today.

At present many sufferers find talking an embarrassment after a laryngectomy. The latest surgical techniques allow speech within two weeks of the operation, but it is achieved by pressing a finger over a breathing hole in the throat, and is severely impaired. The new aid, a tiny plastic valve which fits into the throat, was developed by Dr Waryam Singh, consultant otolaryngologist at Bangour General Hospital near Livingston. Letters, page 11

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## Parachuting to stop when helicopters fly

Parachute jumps have been ruled out while helicopters are operating at Thurston airfield, Hampshire, where a novice parachutist died at the weekend.

Miss Paula Goodayle, aged 21, was killed when she drifted into the rotor blades of a helicopter after making her first jump as a fund-raising exercise for charity.

The Thurston Flight Centre, which owned the helicopter, and the Thurston Parachute Club agreed yesterday not to operate simultaneously.

The parachute club, which

## Man 'wanted' builder to hammer rival

A man accused of attempting to murder his wife asked a private detective agency to give her lover a "hammering", the High Court in Edinburgh was told yesterday.

The agency declined and recommended someone advertising home improvements in a local newspaper.

Fire Officer Alistair Keating denies attempting to murder his wife Margaret by causing the wiring of her car to catch fire when the ignition was switched on. She was badly burnt.

Mr Keating also denies attempting to induce Mr William Adair, the head of a private detective agency, to arrange for Mr Alexander Lusk to be beaten up. He further denies threatening Mr Lusk and sending £100 to Mr Thomas McLanaghan, a builder who advertised for work, as an inducement to have Mr Lusk assaulted.

Mr McLanaghan reported the matter to the police.

Mrs Janet Gibson, aged 31, of Bridgend, Mid-Glamorgan, told the court that she was with Mr Keating in Bourne-mouth on August 20 last year when he learned that his wife had been burnt in her car. Mr Keating told Mrs Gibson he had carried out work on his wife's car the previous week and he felt bad about what had happened to her.

The case continues today

## Cut urged in driving examiners' workload

Driving test examiners are under too much stress and should conduct eight instead of nine tests each day, government researchers have recommended (Our Motor Industry Correspondent writes).

Implementing the recommendation would be likely to increase the delays for tests.

The average waiting time is two and a half weeks longer than the 11 weeks considered acceptable but in London it takes more than 15 weeks to secure a test date.

Whether the delays can be reduced depends on the success of the Department of Transport's recruitment drive for new examiners.

Low pay and arduous working conditions for the 1,555 examiners make the job unattractive and privatizing the examining organization is being considered.

In an effort to make up for tests lost because of weather conditions, tests in London and the South-east this winter will start at 8.15 am instead of 9 am as an experiment.

Last year the driving test was passed by only 49 per cent of the 1.8 million applicants.

## Tube muggings cut by quarter

Muggings at some south London Underground stations have fallen by 25 per cent in the first half of this year, it was disclosed yesterday when Mr David Mitchell, Minister of State for Transport, visited the British Transport Police offices at Stockwell.

Mr Mitchell said the drive to eliminate ticket fraud had resulted in 1,250 people being considered for prosecution.

## Crane plunge inquest opens

An inquest was opened and adjourned at Westminster yesterday into the death of a Syrian who plunged 150ft from a crane during a Moslem festival in Regent's Park.

Monas Kailany, aged 28, of Perryn Road, Acton, west London, prayed to Mecca before falling to his death in spite of police attempts to talk him down.

## Church raids

Police hunting gangs who have robbed 30 churches in Suffolk this year have advised clergymen to bolt their doors and open only for services. Ten churches have been raided in the last six weeks and stolen items have included medieval carved furniture and silverware.

## Award spent

Mr Geoffrey Davis, aged 41, of Brimington, Derbyshire, who was awarded £125,000 compensation after being wrongly jailed for murder, says that he has spent it all in less than two years and run up debts of £25,000.

## Altar plea

The Rev David Hughes, appealing for the return of an altar stolen from his church, All Saints, Wellington, Lincolnshire, said yesterday that he feared it might be serving as a dining room table.

## Bomb found

Police sealed off a street in the centre of Leicester yesterday after an unexploded bomb was found in a gutter.

## Chief role in drugs run denied

By Michael Hersmell

A wine bar manager who allegedly master-minded a plot to use a baby as cover for a £110,000 cannabis smuggling run, yesterday denied any involvement in the plan.

Salvatore Di Prima, from Woking, Surrey, accused the prosecution's main witness, Gerard Allen, of the "borrow a baby" scheme. Allen, who has pleaded guilty to smuggling the drugs, turned Queen's Evidence last week.

Mr Di Prima, aged 30, was giving evidence at Exeter Crown Court on the fifth day of the trial in which he has pleaded not guilty to smuggling 43 kg of cannabis from Spain to Plymouth in the specially converted petrol tank of a Lancia car.

It was driven by a couple he allegedly recruited to make the run. The couple, the court has been told, borrowed a baby girl aged 16 months to act as a decoy to make customs officers believe they were a normal family returning from holiday when they came back on the ferry MV Quiberon from Santander last August.

Last week Allen, aged 24, a builder from Thornton Heath, Surrey, alleged that Mr Di Prima organized the plot with the help of Italian associates.

Yesterday Mr Di Prima told the jury that he had merely arranged ferry bookings for the couple at the request of Allen, with whom he was setting up a travel business.

Sharon Walters, aged 21, and Robert Patrick, aged 30, a painter and decorator, both from Norwood, south London, who borrowed the baby, Allen and one other accomplice all pleaded guilty to smuggling.

Mr Di Prima and Richard Taylor, aged 38, unemployed, from Upper Norwood, London, pleaded not guilty.

Mr Di Prima was arrested near Plymouth while driving a BMW in convoy with the Lancia but told the court he went there to meet Mr Allen off the ferry.

The trial continues today

## BBC advice group gets woman head

By Ruth Gledhill

Baroness Blackstone of Stoke Newington, a member of the Cabinet's think tank during the Wilson and Callaghan Governments, has become the first woman to head the body which advises the British Broadcasting Corporation on its programming and business affairs.

Lady Blackstone, master elect of Birkbeck College and former director of education at the Inner London Education Authority, has been invited by the BBC's board of governors to become chairwoman of the General Advisory Council from January 1 next year.

During her four-year appointment Lady Blackstone will head three meetings a year of the advisory council, which has 60 members including members of Parliament, a bishop and members of the House of Lords. The former chairman, Lord Crowther-Hunt, who was appointed in 1986, died earlier this year.

Meetings of the advisory council, which has been in existence since 1935, are attended by the chairman of the BBC, the director general, members of the board of governors and the board of management.

Lady Blackstone, who took

her title earlier this year after being nominated for a peerage by the Labour Party, has made regular appearances on *Stop the Week*, *Any Questions* and *Question Time* and published a number of books on education.

Other members of the council include Mrs Edwina Currie, MP, Miss Brenda Dean, Sir Nicholas Henderson and the Rt Rev Graham Leonard, the Bishop of London.

A new colour scheme is to replace the traditional "Dad's Army" olive green on BBC television's lorries used to ferry outside location units about the country.

The BBC has commissioned a new corporate livery in light grey and a slightly altered logo from an outside design group.

The new look, in place on just one lorry yesterday, is to be phased in over the next two and a half years as the BBC's more than 1,000 vehicles come up for resprays.

Mr Michael Bunce, controller of information services for the BBC, said: "The old vehicles, which were Dad's Army khaki, did not do a great deal for the image of the BBC". Mr Bunce refused to disclose the cost of the project, believed to be a low five-figure sum.

## Yard pays tribute to detective

By Our Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard yesterday provided full police honours for the funeral of a London detective who shot himself after being questioned in an internal inquiry into a senior Yard officer.

Deputy Commissioner John Dellow led hundreds of officers at the funeral in south London of Det Constable Alan Holmes, a member of the task force set up to look into organized crime after the £26 million Brink's Mat robbery.

Det Chief Supt Brian Boyce, head of the task force, told mourners that Mr Holmes had been an exemplary policeman, "a man who had a face as hard as granite but a heart as soft and vulnerable as a butterfly".

Among the 80 wreaths were many from police officers, stations, the flying squad and masonic groups. One of those was dedicated to "our brave, wonderful and worshipping master who chose death rather than dishonour his friends and workmates".

Scotland Yard's complaints investigation bureau is investigating allegations against Commander Ray Adams, head of the Yard's criminal intelligence bureau. Mr Holmes had been questioned but was not under suspicion.

## Safe deposit haul may provide thieves' pensions

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard believes that the Knightsbridge safe deposit robbery a month ago might have been carried out by ageing criminals as a final crime before retirement to "earn a pension" and that the London underworld is carrying out its own investigation.

Losses from the robbery have now reached more than £20 million and the final total will almost certainly exceed the record £26 million lost in the Brink's Mat gold robbery four years ago.

Police hold out no hope of an early arrest. They are still

trying to trace box-holders at the safe deposit centre opposite Harrods.

Two women lost jewellery worth nearly £10 million, including a £3 million diamond ring. Several customers had cash in excess of £500,000 in their boxes, including one who deposited bundles of money just before the raid.

The money could easily be converted but jewellery will probably have to be broken down and descriptions have been sent to jewellers.

The 86 boxes are shared between 80 known losers. Fifty seven have identified their losses to the police;

another 14 are awaiting valuations and police are waiting to see nine others. A further 13 people abroad have yet to come forward and the Yard is using Interpol to reach them.

Losses have been running on average at £200,000 to £250,000. Mr Holbrook said: "On the figures so far we need only two more losers like the top losers so far and we will go above the Brink's Mat figure."

Most of the losers are from abroad but Mr Holbrook believes the owners of 20 to 27 boxes will never come forward and many of those will prove to be British. Police strongly suspect the centre was used by London criminals who, they

say, could join them to investigate the possibility that the robbers were ageing criminals looking for one last operation before retirement.

Several of the raiders were described by the centre's guards as middle aged. Mr Parvaz Latif, the strongroom owner, said last night that letters had been sent to all depositors formally informing them of the robbery.

It was possible that they were staying away because their deposits were the fruits of illegal activity.

He said that bulky items which the robbers had left on the floor were still unclaimed but he declined to go into

details. Mr Latif, aged 30, who bought the business for £1 million from the Official Receiver a year ago, said it was impossible to tell if any of his depositors were criminals.

"Maybe the police can recognize such people but I don't have that facility. Unless they wear a mask or striped t-shirt, it's quite hard for the general public to spot them," he said.

Mr Latif said that some clients had left since the raid but they had been replaced and business was back to the levels prior to the robbery. Insurance claims of up to £25,000 for each rifled box were progressing smoothly



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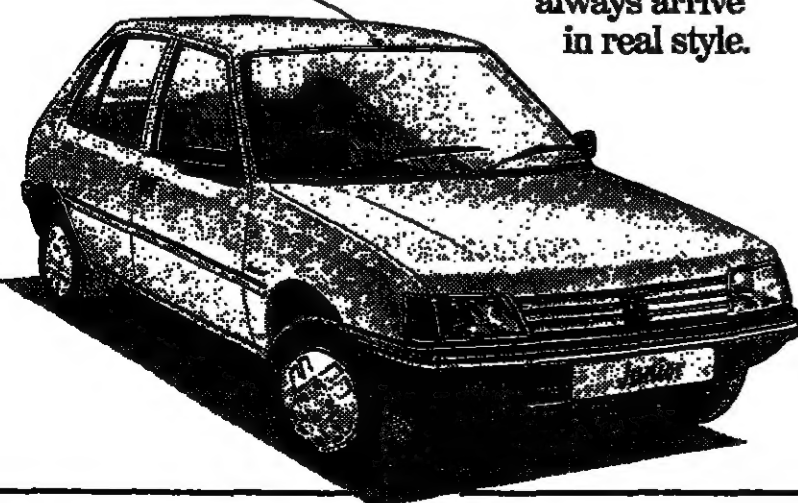
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## Bar Council backs single-lawyer crown court cases

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Bar Council has agreed in principle to change its rules to allow a barrister to take simple cases in the crown court without the need for a solicitor to be there to assist him.

The change, approved as part of a new draft code of conduct, may heighten tension between the Bar and the solicitors' branch of the profession, who are at odds over advocacy rights in the crown court. But it could mean cost savings for the public, who under existing rules have to pay for two lawyers.

The Law Society, which represents solicitors in England and Wales, has been strongly opposed to any such change unless solicitors are at the same time given the right to take simple crown court cases.

Mr Henry Brooke, QC, who chairs the Bar Council's professional standards committee, said: "The Bar is quite satisfied that there is a class of case where it would be appropriate for a barrister not to have a solicitor in court. We believe this is an area where there could be savings made and we are willing to change our rules".

He emphasized that the Bar

Council would not proceed with the change before consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, the rest of the judiciary and the Law Society. "We don't want judges refusing to hear members of the Bar because a solicitor is not in court."

Mr Andrew Lockley, the society's director of legal practices, said yesterday that the Law Society was prepared to be flexible about allowing barristers to appear alone in simple cases such as guilty pleas and commitments, if there were appropriate safeguards. He said: "We are concerned to ensure that as a result of the two branches of the profession fixing up a new arrangement, the public does not suffer from a lower quality of service". If barristers appeared alone, it was important that they carried out all the duties now done by a solicitor when attending at court.

Mr Lockley said that in discussing the terms for barristers taking cases on their own, the Law Society had not gone back on its policy that solicitors should also be able to take simple crown cases.

The Government is keen to secure changes in the prof-

ession's working practices in the pursuit of greater efficiency. The issue of using one lawyer instead of two for simple crown court cases came up last year in the context of the legal aid fees negotiations.

The final pay package agreed between the profession and the Lord Chancellor's Department included the setting up of an Efficiency Commission to look at current working practices and see where economies might be achieved. The two branches have already endorsed the use of one lawyer for magistrates' courts but the stumbling block is the crown court, at present the Bar's preserve.

Research by the Efficiency Commission suggests that solicitor-advocates are likely to be cost-effective or even cheaper than barristers when the case is short and there is little travelling and waiting time.

Alongside the discussions of the Efficiency Commission, the two branches have set up a committee on the future of the legal profession. One of its chief topics is the issue of wider rights of audience for solicitors.

## First shots in cancer campaign



Mr Angus Ogilvy (centre left), president of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and directors, physicians, doctors and nurses from Britain's leading cancer charities yesterday launched *One Day For Life*, which will be a single day of photographs taken on a single day to reflect life in Britain. The book project - to be photographed on Friday - is the

opening shot in Search 88, the largest national fund-raising campaign against cancer, that has set itself a target of £75 million by the end of 1988. Everyone is invited to participate in *One Day For Life*, and the most striking and evocative photographs will be published in November in a book of the same name. Photographs are to be sent to Search 88

with a minimum £1 donation to the trust. Commercial sponsorship will meet the costs of the project. The four prime beneficiaries of Search 88 are the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, and the Cancer Research Campaign (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

## Director of Mensa sentenced over fight

By David Sapsted

A director of Mensa, the society for members with a particularly high intelligence quotient, received a suspended four-month prison sentence yesterday for losing his head at a party and punching a student.

Mr David Griffiths, aged 27, and with an IQ rated above the Mensa maximum of 161, got involved in an argument over someone else's girlfriend at a Christmas party at London University's Birkbeck College, Southwark Crown Court was told.

Griffiths pleaded guilty to causing actual bodily harm to Mr Paul Grey, aged 24, a fellow student on an evening degree course in philosophy.

Griffiths said that he had been talking to Miss Hetty Baynes, an actress, when Mr Grey had started annoying him. "I was sure it was because he thought I was chatting up his girl", he said. Mr Grey even went so far as to kick him, he said. Griffiths later followed Mr Grey outside and hit him in return "as a matter of honour".

Judge Gerald Butler, QC, sentenced Griffiths to four months' imprisonment, suspended for two years. He also ordered him to pay £300 compensation to Mr Grey and £100 costs.

## Charity criticized for teaching claim

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

The Spastics Society has been strongly criticized for claiming to give children in its residential schools "conductive education", an approach to teaching severely handicapped people that was developed in Hungary.

Mr Chas McGuffey, chairman of Rapid Action for Conductive Education, a charity based in Coventry, West Midlands, said yesterday that the teaching offered in Spastics Society establishments such as Rutland Manor, Nottinghamshire, was not true conductive education.

He added: "We are utterly perplexed by the Spastics Society's claims".

Rapid Action, a pressure group, protested the taking of British children to the Hungarian institute, saying that the Spastics Society is misleading those who might give money for the cause.

Another group, the Foundation for Conductive Education, which has set up a centre in Birmingham with help from the Peto Institute, Budapest, where the method was pioneered, also criticized the Spastics Society at the weekend.

Mr Andrew Sutton, the foundation's director, said: "A lot of people would say that the Spastics Society has been too slow in developing conductive education and that they have yet to demonstrate that they have a successful system".

Conductive education is a way of helping children and adults with severe handicaps such as cerebral palsy to move their limbs on their own and to lead as near a normal life as possible.

It requires long training and many staff and according to observers of the method, at the Peto Institute it achieves results such as enabling handicapped children to be confident, that more orthodox therapy might not achieve.

The dispute between the charities began when the Spastics Society announced last year that it was raising a total of £500,000 to build up its own version of conductive education for younger severely handicapped children.

It said that it would develop in-service training for staff in the methods pioneered at the Peto Institute.

Most of the money is to be raised with the help of the Stars' Organization for Spastics.

Rapid Action says that the Spastics Society's methods are not true conductive education because no "conductors" (multidisciplinary overseers) are used: the staff have not received the four-year training given by the Peto Institute, and the Spastics Society does not set out to achieve the same aims as conductive education.

In a statement released on Friday the Spastics Society pledged to "develop and monitor conductive education" in five of its establishments.

It added, however: "The society accepts that conductive education as practised in our schools is adapted to our circumstances. We neither train nor employ conductors as trained in Budapest".

The society said yesterday: "We never said it was pure conductive education. It is the nearest thing possible in this country. We have not misled anyone".

## Theatre trust may win Lyceum from Moonies

By Ruth Gledhill

The Lyceum Theatre in Covent Garden in London looks more likely to be sold to the Theatres Trust than be restored with money connected to the Rev Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church.

The trust, which safeguards historic theatres, has applied to the London Residuary Body to buy the freehold of the 153-year-old building.

The bid is favoured by the LRB, which is waiting for the High Court to decide whether the sitting tenant, Mecca Leisure, is entitled to extend its expired lease by 14 years.

The Lyceum came under the spotlight with reports that the Royal Opera House, in need of premises while its Covent Garden home is closed for rebuilding in the early 1990s, could be planning to move to the theatre.

Mr Stephen Hetherington heads a consortium which is hoping to buy and refurbish the theatre with £12 million linked to the Unification Church.

He wants to house companies such as the London Festival Ballet and possibly the Royal Opera at the Lyceum.

The money, from the Washington Times Corporation, is held by the European Cultural Endowment Funda trust in the Netherlands.

The Washington Times Corporation is a wholly owned subsidiary of News World Communications whose president, Dr Bo Hi Pak, is a senior member of the Unification Church.

Dr Ronald Godwin, senior vice-president of the corporation and a Baptist, said: "The money comes from the two companies, not from the Unification Church".

The London Residuary Body said: "It is not that we object to money connected with the Moonies. We want to pass the freehold over to the Theatres Trust".

The situation has been further complicated by Westminster City Council, which may also offer to buy the Lyceum. The council said: "We are negotiating with the owners". The final word might well come from Mecca, which is exerting its rights as sitting tenant.

Mr Ian Baker, properties director for Mecca Leisure which hopes to restore the Lyceum and convert it into an entertainment centre, said: "We occupy the building. We have security of tenure. As far as we are concerned we are the sitting tenants and we are not going to let it go to Mr Hetherington".

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## WORLD SUMMARY

## Minister quizzed in spy scandal

Rome — Italian prosecutors are questioning key figures in a new spy scandal, including Signor Oscar Scalfaro, until last month a competent Christian Democrat Interior Minister with a rosy future (Roger Boyes writes). He was pushed out of the Cabinet to make way for the ageing former Prime Minister, Signor Amintore Fanfani, who had to be given an top job by the new Prime Minister, Signor Giovanni Goria.

Signor Scalfaro declared in a newspaper interview that during his tenure as Interior Minister "somebody from outside" had asked for secret service information. This infers that a politician — perhaps from his own party — had asked for access to secret service files.

The Italian secret service, implicated in the P2 Freemasonry scandals, has kept about 33,000 personal dossiers for decades and is said to have used them against political opponents. The files were supposed to have been destroyed in 1974, but nobody knows if this was done.

## Move on refugees

Hong Kong (Reuters) — China is considering proposals to speed up the repatriation of Vietnamese refugees who have flooded into Hong Kong in the past six weeks, a Chinese official said yesterday.

Mr Ji Shaoxiang, a department head at the New China News Agency, which also serves as Peking's *de facto* embassy here, said that China would take back all Vietnamese refugees who previously settled in its southern provinces.

He said Chinese authorities were studying measures to help Hong Kong stem the flow, including cutting some red tape to allow early repatriation of refugees.

Four more boats with nearly 450 refugees on board arrived yesterday.

## Iranians will stay

Hamburg (Reuters) — Six Iranian consular officials expelled from West Berlin are to stay in Hamburg until they have instructions from Tehran, an Iranian consulate official said yesterday.

They were expelled from West Berlin by the United States, France and Britain, the Second World War powers responsible for security in the city. The Allies also barred an unspecified number of Iranian diplomats based in East Berlin. The expulsion orders did not make any specific allegations against the Iranians but security sources said they feared terrorist bomb attacks.

Bonn says that the six men can stay in West Germany only if they work at a consulate, otherwise their visas would become invalid.

## Bombings 'will go on'

Athens — An elusive urban guerrilla group, "17 November", has claimed responsibility for the bomb attack on Monday which slightly injured a US Air Force crew of nine and the Greek bus driver taking them to a seaside hotel near Athens airport (Mario Modiano writes).

The group recalled the bombing of another busload of US servicemen last April, and vowed to continue these attacks until all US bases in Greece were closed down. The organization condemned the Greek Government for negotiating a new bases agreement with the Americans.

## Haiti hit by strike

Port-au-Prince (Reuters) — Public transport workers led a strike that paralysed the Haitian capital yesterday in a protest against the military-led government. Most shops, businesses, banks and restaurants were closed, but some markets and street vendors, stayed open.

Armed troops patrolled the streets of the capital, but there were no reports of violence. Radio stations said the strike also affected many other towns around the country.

## Motorway tax fury

Bonn — West Germany may retaliate against a Belgian decision to introduce motorway tolls, effectively for foreigners only (Our Correspondent writes).

The Belgian Cabinet decided on Monday that, from January, vehicles on the country's motorways will have to display stickers proving that the annual toll of 500 Belgian francs (about £8) for cars and 1,000 francs for heavy vehicles has been paid. Belgian drivers will receive their stickers free.

## Leg makes a new arm

Peking (Reuters) — Surgeons used part of a leg which a girl lost in a train accident to give her a new forearm, the *China Daily* newspaper said yesterday. Meng Xin, aged 11, had her left arm and leg severed in the accident.

Surgeons at the Central Hospital at Shenyang, capital of the north-eastern province of Liaoning, made a new forearm out of her severed leg and attached her hand to it. Skin on the transplanted "forearm" returned to normal and her fingers recovered their sense of touch, the newspaper said.

## Libyan air strike after Chad gain

From Susan MacDonald Paris

The Chad Government said yesterday that Libyan aircraft were bombing the base at Wadi Doum, Oumaguiat, Kahr, just to the north and the town of Aouzou, in addition to reports that the oasis of Faya Largeau was being bombed.

The Libyan air attacks are in retaliation for the capture last Saturday of the small town of Aouzou within the disputed northern Aouzou Strip which both Chad and Libya claim is theirs.

Chad government figures for Saturday's Aouzou battle are given as 650 Libyan soldiers killed and 147 taken prisoner. No Chad casualty figures were given.

Faya Largeau and Wadi Doum were captured by Chad troops from Libyan occupying forces last March during bloody battles which dealt a humiliating defeat to Libya.

The Libyan chargé d'affaires in Paris, Mr Hamed el Houderi, declared on French television that Libya would most certainly counter-attack against Chad's aggression.

The State Department in Washington has announced its support for Chad's claims on the Aouzou Strip. Britain and France also support Chad's claims — although France would like to see a diplomatic rather than military solution.

Fearful of an escalation to the conflict, various African heads of state are again embarking on mediation efforts. The Organization of African Unity chairman, President Kaunda of Zambia, has dispatched President Sankara of Burkina Faso to Tripoli for talks with Colonel Gaddafi.

## Suspensions ruin Zapu agreement

From Jan Raath Harare

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, has withdrawn from what sources said was an "imminent" agreement to unite his ruling Zanu (PF) party with the opposition Zapu party of Mr Joshua Nkomo.

Since late June, at the instigation of President Robert Mugabe, there have been secretive contacts, through an intermediary, between Mr Mugabe and the burly leader of Zimbabwe's Ndebele-speaking people in the western province of Matabeleland. They culminated in three face-to-face meetings during the past week.

Sources said that on Monday the two men were expected to have signed an "agreement of understanding" that would have united the parties, and could have led to the end of 24 years of bitterness that has frequently spilled over into urban violence and created a guerrilla war — now in its fifth year — in the west of the country.

However, the sources said, Monday's meeting produced no progress, and the unity talks — the last 19-month negotiating period — having been called off by Mr Mugabe in mid-April — were now "back to square one".

The sources described the Zanu (PF) delegation as being "suspicious" of Zapu's conciliatory attempts. They were afraid that the conciliation was really aimed at taking over the leadership of the Government.

"It's obvious they don't regard the time as being ripe", said one source. "But it will come up again."

## Moscow attempt to hasten treaty on chemical weapons

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

The Soviet Union yesterday spelt out its conditions for acceptance of a "mandatory challenge inspection without refusal" for enforcing a ban on chemical weapons, announced here last week by its Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze.

The Soviet delegate, Mr Yuri Nazarkin, told the United Nations disarmament conference that progress in a whole set of other directions depended on the earliest solution of the inspection issue. He said that Moscow aimed to accelerate negotiations for a convention prohibiting chemical weapons.

Mr Nazarkin said international inspectors should arrive at a site, where the production, storage or use of chemical weapons was suspected, not more than 48 hours after an inspection was requested.

He said the new Soviet attitude is a significant shift and is now similar to the US position as set out in the draft treaty submitted to the conference here by Vice-President George Bush in April, 1984.

Mr Nazarkin added that his country was not exactly throwing wide the doors to inspection in general. The Russians could not disregard the potential for possible disclosure of sensitive data having nothing to do with chemical weapons.

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stating a challenge inspection to decide whether it was sufficiently satisfied that on-site inspection could be dispensed with.

He added: "Such measures should be elaborated within the framework of, and not contrary to, the principle of mandatory inspections. Such measures must not weaken this principle or make any exceptions to it."

Were a state to suffer damage as a result of on-site inspection being abused, it should have the right under the Chemical Weapons Convention to seek financial compensation.

Mr Nazarkin also announced his country's acceptance of a US invitation for conference delegates to visit the chemical weapons destruction installation at Tooele, Utah. And he invited two delegates from each country, to visit the Russian military facility at Shikhan to see standard items of chemical munitions and observe the technology of destroying chemical weapons at a mobile installation.

There would be a later invitation to a new destruction plant being built at Chapayevsk. Such visits would increase mutual confidence, he said.

This could take the form of visual observation from outside, partial access to a plant or analysis of chemical samples, as well as remote-control verification by satellites. However, it would be up to the country that had requested the inspection.

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## Warning on invasion threat

From Our Correspondent, Bonn

The West German Chief of Military Staff, Admiral Dieter Wellerhoff, expressed concern yesterday that public awareness of the invasion threat presented by the Soviet Union was declining.

In an interview with the newspaper, *Die Welt*, Admiral Wellerhoff said that the policies of Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, "have not yet had a perceptible impact on the build-up of Soviet and Warsaw Pact military potential."

Admiral Wellerhoff, the first Bundeswehr chief of staff without Second World War

experience, said there was a "real, existing threat" to the West from the Warsaw Pact's superior conventional military potential. He was worried that West German defence spending might not be high enough to modernize its conventional weapons.

The Minister of Finance, Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, last month cut the Defence Ministry's budget requests for 1988 by DM 1.8 billion (about £600 million) to DM 51.6 billion, a nominal rise of 1.5 per cent over this year.

Herr Stoltenberg's finance plan foresees increases of 1.1

per cent for 1989-90 and 1.3 per cent in 1991, despite the agreement by Nato defence ministers in May for real annual increases of 3 per cent.

Defence Ministry sources predict cuts in procurement and research and development. As development costs for the European Fighter Aircraft and the Franco-German battle helicopter will rise next year, deep cuts will have to be made in other projects.

Admiral Wellerhoff said he was concerned as to whether West Germany could fulfil its defence tasks within Nato.

## Italian prison reform Terrorist killers go on summer holiday

From Roger Boyes, Rome

They are not turning pink and brown with the masses on the Mediterranean beaches, but Italy's most famous terrorist couple, jailed for the kidnapping of Aldo Moro and the murder of his bodyguard, still look relaxed and happy as they take their summer holiday from a maximum-security prison.

Relatives of the Red Brigades couple, Valerio Morucci, aged 38, and Adriana Faranda, aged 37, say the break is "well-earned".

A photograph of the couple, sandwiched in a gossip magazine between holiday snapshots of Christina Onassis and Joan Collins, has set Italians wondering about their prison system. Under a new penal reform, some convicts are entitled to summer breaks.

Some former terrorists, who have been studying agriculture in prison, are allowed to cultivate fields near Naples, returning to their cells at night under their own steam. A portion of the money they earn goes to international charity organizations.

Others, like Morucci and Faranda, can take holiday leave without having to work in the fields. Arrested in 1979, they are serving 30 years for the kidnapping of the Italian Prime Minister, Signor Aldo Moro, who was later murdered and dumped in a Rome street. Morucci looks older and now wears glasses, but his girl friend still wears her hair long.

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For Mafia convicts, prison seems to mean business as usual. An investigation has been opened into the workings of the main prison at Reggio di Calabria, on the toe of the boot-like Italian peninsula. After the appointment of a young governor two years ago, the imprisoned Mafia chiefs found that life could be extremely comfortable.

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## Russia to expel Aids victims

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

The Soviet Union — with about 100,000 foreign students — is introducing Aids tests for new arrivals and is repatriating about 100 people, mainly students from Africa, found to be HIV-positive.

Dr Johnathan Mann, the director of the World Health Organization's anti-Aids programme, who has just returned from a week's visit to Moscow and Leningrad, said yesterday that the Soviet authorities had no intention of introducing tests for tourists or businessmen.

Where the Russians themselves were concerned, he said, only 17 HIV-positive cases had so far been officially identified. Of these, 14 represented what he regarded as "a very important cluster of infections which has a significant lesson for all countries".

These cases had resulted from a male homosexual who became infected abroad and returned to Russia, where he infected five bisexual men. They, in turn, infected three of their heterosexual female partners, one of whom became pregnant and had an infected child. In addition, one of the infected bisexual men who was also a blood donor gave blood to six people, of whom five became infected, including two children.

Dr Mann said Soviet policy was that those carrying the Aids virus should remain integrated in society.

Geneva — A former Iranian military pilot, who deserted last February and asked for political asylum in Switzerland, was shot dead by two men last night in a street here (Reuters reports). The victim, aged 36, whose name was not released, was walking home with his wife, after a stroll by Lake Geneva, when he was shot in the head, a police spokesman, Mr Jean-Claude Ducrot, said.

The wife was slightly injured after being pushed away from her husband. The spokesman said the two men did not demand money or speak to the pilot, but it was too soon to say whether it had been a political crime.

The shooting happened in the Paquis area of central Geneva, haunt of the city's prostitutes and drug dealers. They were gone, together with perhaps 20 of the tankers that had been anchored here on Monday morning.

The Americans, of course, will want to get their hands on the mines that are now being found off Fujairah, objects which they believe were laid by the Iranians but which the Iranians claim were placed there "by the American Navy or its agents". The Texaco Caribbean was, after all,

## The pit crisis in South Africa



A worker from Lesotho leaving the Kiaross gold mine south-east of Johannesburg, after his union urged its striking members to leave mine hostels and return home.

## Miner who defied strike murdered

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

A black coal miner has been found murdered in his hostel bed after defying the strike called by the National Union of Mineworkers, it was reported last night.

His death is the first reported in the strike at 44 gold and coal mines launched by the NUM on Sunday over a 30 per cent pay rise claim.

The Afrikaner mining company Gencor said that the man, aged 36, had continued to work at the Blikopan colliery in Witbank, eastern Transvaal, owned by its subsidiary, Trans-Natal Coal Corporation.

"He was one of a small number of production workers who continued working despite the strike by almost the total workforce," the statement said. "The man, who had been employed by the mine since 1978, was apparently murdered."

There was no immediate comment from the NUM, which claims that 340,000 men have stopped work, against the employers' figures of 220,000 and 230,000.

The union was trying to spread the strike yesterday. A strike ballot was held at the crucial Rand Refinery at Germiston, east of Johannesburg, where gold from the mines is purified before being cast into ingots for the world bullion market.

Both the union and mine owners accused each other yesterday of inciting violence. The union claimed that 14 of

its members had been injured in clashes with mine security officials at two mines near Secunda, in the eastern Transvaal.

Mr Marcel Golding, assistant general secretary of the NUM, said nine men were hurt at Kiaross gold mine and five at Bracken Mine, both of which are owned by Gencor.

About 30,000 of Gencor's 70,000 black workers are on strike, the company said. It said the clashes at Kiaross came when strikers attacked men returning to their hostels after work.

At Carltonville, on the west Rand, the union's offices were surrounded by police and officials refused access. Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, the NUM general secretary, claimed. Other union offices at Klerksdorp and Westwaria had been raided, he said.

The giant Anglo American Corporation, which has 13 of its mines hit by the strike, accused NUM officials of "interfering with access to hostels, preventing workers from exercising their choice to work, and obstructing deliveries and food supplies."

At strike-bound Anglo American collieries in the Witbank area of the eastern Transvaal, white miners were said yesterday to be earning a bonus of £25 a shift to maintain production. The wife of a miner said that her husband expected to earn an extra £500, if the strike lasted a month.

## Seamen want Gulf war zone widened

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

British trade unions representing seamen and officers on ships in the Gulf area have called for the war zone to be extended because of the discovery of mines in the Gulf of Oman, which is outside the existing zone.

And Mr Christopher Rome, the chairman of Lloyds Underwriters' Association, said war risk insurance premiums would almost certainly rise after the damage to the

tanker Texaco Caribbean at Fujairah on Monday, and the reported sighting of other mines in the area.

The National Union of Seamen and the National Union of Marine, Aviation and Shipping Transport Officers asked the National Maritime Board in London to extend the zone east so that it covers the whole of the Strait of Hormuz on a line about 35

miles from the coasts of Oman and the United Arab Emirates. It is understood that it would include both of the main anchorages in the area at Fujairah and Khor Fakkan.

A decision was expected this morning. If the board does agree, officers and crew would have the right to refuse to go into the extended zone, and if they agreed to go would be entitled to double pay.

The huge hole torn into the hull of the Texaco Caribbean below the water-line, but now exposed by the vessel's list — would have been enough gravely to damage or even sink an American destroyer or a British frigate.

A Greek supertanker gingerly made her way alongside the crippled ship last night to take on board what remained of her cargo of 261,000 tonnes of crude oil. The Texaco Caribbean's master told us over the radio that he did not think his ship was shedding more oil, but that he had no idea where he would be sent for repairs.

Indeed, the dry docks of the Gulf are the only companies likely to benefit from this latest escalation in the war.

## Dispute hedged about by the law

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg

Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, the general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, summed up the central issue of the union's strike when he was asked what would happen if mine management closed and their threat to change strikers for their hostile food and accommodation. "This is a legal strike," he said. "Management has an obligation to feed and house the workers for as long as the strike lasts."

South Africa has complicated laws covering industrial disputes. The first step for a union which fails to reach agreement with employers is to "declare a dispute". The Ministry of Manpower then arbitrates between the sides, and only if its efforts fail may a union call a strike.

The NUM and the Chamber of Mines, the employers' body, so far have done everything according to the book and are thus entitled to the protection of the law — which does not mean that workers can get away with what might be considered intimidation of non-strikers. South Africa is unlikely to see anything like Mr Arthur Scargill's flying pickets, and even setting up ordinary picket lines can be construed by the police as provocative.

Also, a state of emergency has been in force for more than 12 months, which gives the authorities blanket powers to deal with "unrest".

The black trade union movement has mushroomed since 1979 when it was first given government recognition as a result of the report of a commission of inquiry into labour legislation under Professor Nic Wiekama, of the University of South Africa, set up two years earlier — 12 months after the 1976 Soweto uprising.

The Government broadly accepted its findings that workers of all colours had six basic rights: to work, training and protection, to associate, bargain collectively and withhold their labour. At the time there were 27 black unions — none of them recognized or legally entitled to negotiate or strike, although unlicensed whites had full collective bargaining rights.

Today, with a membership of well above a million, the black union movement represents the largest anti-apartheid force in South Africa. And its increasingly high political profile is causing the greatest concern in Pretoria.

Mr Pieter Du Plessis, the Minister of Manpower, has warned that the Government is to introduce new laws to restore what he termed the balance of power between worker and employer. What the Government did not anticipate when it enacted the Wiekama Commission's main recommendations was that industrial relations could not be liberalized without social and political reform.

Despite the growth of the black trade union movement in the post-Wiekama era, hundreds of thousands have been detained, many of them since the declaration of the state of emergency, and bloody clashes between police and strikers have been frequent.

Land rush

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# Land rush on road to El Dorado threatens Brazil's rain forest

From Mac Margolis, Extrema, Brazil

Just a year ago, this was little more than a wide place in a dirt road in the Amazon. A couple of hundred wooden buildings formed a sorry huddle before an infinity of jungle. Passers-by stopped here to shake off the thick red dust, tank up with petrol and perhaps with a shot of cane rum before pushing on to some still remoter destination.

Today Extrema is the Amazon's newest boom town. Local officials say five new families arrive each day, clambering off diesel buses and, in a matter of days, raising up yet another clutch of clapboard dwellings.

In just 15 months, Extrema's 200 buildings have become 2,000, including a bank, a hospital, a school house, a police station and a strip of nightclubs — fronted by the powder-blue trimmed Aquarius disco club.

Ask people why all the bustle and industry, and the answer comes back in a hurry: "a estrada", the road. The road is BR-364, the newest and best Amazon highway, slicing 1,300 miles through three states, from the central scrublands of Mato Grosso deep into the high forest of Rondonia and Acre.

In 1984, when the first thousand miles of surfacing was completed, the two lanes of blacktop were hailed as an

important assault in Brasilia's long campaign to occupy the Amazon borderlands and jolt the scattered rain forest communities out of their timeless torpor.

But for all the progress, the \$1.2 billion (£764 million) highway, heavily financed by the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank, has also been a fast lane to controversy.

Barrelling along the tarmac have come lumber companies, gold miners, cattle ranchers and a rush of land-hungry colonos, or peasant settlers.

The stampede has threatened Rondonia's fragile forest ecology, overrun lands of native Amerindians and put Brazil on collision course with conservationists and international creditors. It has also stirred serious doubts as to whether this growing, resource-hungry nation can develop the world's largest rain forest without destroying it.

Now, the highway — and the fierce polemics that shoulder it — is pushing farther west to towns like Extrema, and beyond. With \$58.5 million from the Development Bank, construction crews are now paving the last stretch of BR-364 to Rio Branco, capital of Acre, a state as big as Greece, bordering Bolivia and Peru. The settlers have decided not to wait for the tarmac.



In 1985, Senhor Liberato Camera brought his wife, five sons and four daughters to Extrema, 3,000 miles from his home in the pampas of Rio Grande do Sul. "Back there, no one can afford to buy land any more," he said. After waiting five years in vain for a lot in neighbouring Rondonia, he managed to buy 250 acres in Extrema.

"The only place for poor people is here." That is exactly what frightens Acre officials and the conservationists alike. "The colonos are moving on to Acre," said Senhor Carlos Alberto Franca, Rondonia officer for the government settlement agency, Incra. "And there is no government, no public institution, and no land reform programme that can fix this."

Outside Brazil, a complex alliance has

formed between militant ecologists, the US Treasury Department and Senators Daniel Inouye and Robert Kasen. They are pressuring the Development Bank to suspend loan payouts until Brazil can guarantee environmental protection.

On June 25 Mr James Conrow of the US Treasury Department fired off a memo to the American representative of the Development Bank, arguing that "if the borrower is not in compliance with the project plan by the end of March, 1988, the loan should be cancelled."

"If we knew at the beginning what we know now," one senior official at the Washington-based Development Bank wearily confessed, "the bank would never have funded the road."

The BR-364 started life as a dirt road scratched out of the forest in the 1960s by the Army along an abandoned telegraph line. It traversed three sparsely populated states in a swathe of north-west Brazil that is the size of Germany, Spain and France combined.

In 1980 Brasilia, with the loans from the World Bank and the Development Bank, began pouring blacktop. The generals dreamed the all-weather highway would be "the backbone to the conquest of the frontier", and eventually even a gateway to the Pacific.

To the World Bank, BR-364 was the centrepiece of one of its biggest loan

projects, the North-West Pole, a \$430 million aid programme to help Brazil develop its vast frontiers.

"It isn't for the highway, there would be no Rondonia," said Senhor Jeronimo Santana, Governor of Brazil's youngest state. Until the road was improved, Acre's capital was virtually unreachable by land for the six-month rainy season.

But with the road came the poor colonos by the legion. In 1978, 12,000 newcomers migrated to Rondonia. Now, that many come every month in what may be the most intensive human migration since the settlement of the American West. They are the detritus of lopsided development, expelled from the slums of Brazil's clogged megacities, or the mechanized farms in the south, or the parched *sertão* of the starving North-East, searching for a bit of El Dorado.

All of Rondonia's good lands have already been doled out and spontaneous settlements now erupt on any patch of available earth. Some ecologists and local planners say that as much as 25 per cent of Rondonia's forests have been destroyed. Conflicts between squatters and landholders are rife, and often bloody. The World Bank concluded in a report on July 7 that the "health and safety" of virtually all the 30,000 Indians, in 69 different areas in the

region, "was seriously endangered".

To avoid a reprise of Rondonia, the Development Bank linked its Acre loan to a rigorous \$10 million plan to protect the environment and indigenous groups.

However, critics say a major road-block to conservation is the Brazilian military, which has reportedly refused to set aside land for Indians anywhere within a 90-mile "national security" cordon along Brazil's northern borders, including all of Acre.

The indigenous missionary council, linked to the Roman Catholic Church, also charges that the military is reluctant to grant a few thousand Amerindians title to such vast stretches of Amazon real estate, rich with minerals like gold, tin and bauxite.

For all the problems, no one — not even the ecologists or the Amazon Indians — wants the paving scrapped. In Acre, especially, state officials await the tarmac as they would a lifeline. Yet, in the face of such violations, ecologists and frustrated state and federal officials have argued that lenders should at least draw a harder line. Amid the daunting obstacles and the hail of protests, the road itself appears to be moving ahead swiftly. Earlier this month, work crews in big green bulldozers moved out west of Porto Velho, preparing to pour tarmac over the final stretch of Brazil's problem highway.

## Central American peace plan

# American aid for Contras goes on the back burner

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The peace proposal signed by five Central American Presidents, for all its limited prospects of success, has virtually killed any prospect of early renewal of American military aid to the Nicaraguan Contras.

The White House has conceded that its own peace proposals are now effectively dead and that its request to Congress for new aid to the rebels has been put on the back burner. "Everyone is waiting to see what happens next," a senior Administration official said.

This latest blow to the fortunes of the beleaguered rebels has cast further doubt on their ability to survive as a viable fighting force. The focus of debate in the Democratic Party, which controls both houses of Congress and is therefore in a powerful position to influence policy, is now firmly on the question of how the US should help the Contras give up the fight and resettle their men.

White House officials insist that President Reagan may yet submit a request for additional aid to the rebels during the 90-day period set for implementation of the new peace plan. President Reagan, who has a strong emotional commitment to the Contras,

has given faint praise to the plan, and it is clear the Administration privately has little time for it.

Congress would certainly reject military assistance while the peace process is going on, believing that the US should not be perceived as undercutting it. Granting non-military aid is possible in the coming months, but with the purpose merely of keeping the rebels alive while the peace effort runs its course.

Beyond that, Democratic attention is focused on how to end US support for a peasant army that was created covertly by the Reagan Administration

about six years ago, and which has demonstrably failed in its primary military objectives.

Current US aid to the Contras expires on September 30. Despite a surge of military activity earlier in the year, the fighters are now bogged down by an especially harsh rainy season, and by all accounts are dispirited and demoralized.

Congressional Democrats attach immense importance to the amnesty proposals in the latest peace agreement, which was signed in Guatemala on Friday, but prospects for reconciliation, at least in this generation, appear slight. The Contras say they have suffered

more than 5,000 dead since 1980 and that more than 500 fighters have lost limbs. The Sandinistas say they have suffered similar casualties.

The Democratic Party is studying the possibility of resettling the Contras in Honduras and Costa Rica, since it seems likely that most would choose not to return to Nicaragua, even under an amnesty.

Neither Congress nor the Administration appears willing to allow the rebels to settle in the US, fearing that such a move would create chaos in Miami — where Cuban exiles from the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion 26 years ago are still a haunting presence — and other cities.

The Contras total perhaps 15,000 men, most of them largely uneducated. With family members, the numbers seeking a home might be close to 100,000. The Contras say 500,000 Nicaraguans, about 20 per cent of the population, live in exile.

Senor Bosco Matamoros, the Contra military spokesman in Washington, said that neither the fighters nor Nicaraguan exiles would return home "without a climate of political good will that will allow a democratic political process".

## The rebel leadership

The six members of the Directorate of the Nicaraguan Resistance, the governing body of the Contras, are: Pedro Joaquín Chamorro, a member of Nicaragua's oldest newspaper family, and former editor of *La Prensa*, forced to close because of its opposition to Sandinista policies; Alfonso Robelo, a moderate who supported the Sandinista revolution and served on the first junta, but resigned only a year later; Adolfo Calero, a graduate of Notre Dame University, a

political hardliner who believes the Sandinistas must be overthrown militarily. He heads the Contras' main military force, the Nicaraguan Democratic Force (FDN); Aristides Sánchez, former military logistics chief of the FDN and close ally of Calero; Alfredo Cesar, a former Sandinista Central Bank director, a graduate of the University of Texas and also of Stanford University; Azucena Ferrey, a leader of the Christian Democrats and the only woman member.

## Indian drought crisis

From Gavin Bell, Delhi

# Gandhi tackles the spectre of famine

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, has formed a Cabinet committee to co-ordinate emergency relief as India faces widespread famine and economic disruption because of its worst drought for a century.

Mr Gandhi said that the situation was grave after the failure of monsoon rains in eight states. The relief committee is working closely with the Cabinet expenditure committee, already straining to fulfil India's seventh development plan.

The erratic South Asian monsoon has largely bypassed a large swathe of northern India, including the fertile states of Haryana and Punjab, traditionally the "granaries" of India. Severe crop damage and dwindling supplies of drinking water are also reported in Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

Mr Rao Birendra Singh, the former Agriculture Minister, said in Parliament this week that existing buffer stocks of 23 million tonnes of food grains were inadequate to cope with the crisis, and appealed for at least \$200 million in government grants for emergency relief.

"The picture is quite terrifying and time is slipping away fast. Famine conditions have already set in," he said.

He called for a massive relief programme, with workers being paid in subsidised food grains, and for a re-

mission of short-term crop loans in the affected areas.

A sharp fall in hydro-electric power generation — by 1 billion units in April-July against the same period last year — has started to affect industrial production. Opposition MPs say India may have to import diesel fuel, edible oils and cotton, causing a further drain on foreign exchange reserves. There is no reliable estimate of those affected by crop failure and the loss of cattle, but it is said to run into several million.

The greatest hardship is in the desert regions of Rajasthan, now in the grip of famine for the fourth successive year. Desperate cattle breeders from the Marwar region have migrated to other parts of the state at their peril — three of them were killed recently by villagers fighting to preserve their remaining vegetation.

Police supported by local militia were called out to drive thousands of hungry cattle from the state's Ranthambhor national park. The level of Ranthambhor Lake, the venue of roving events in the 1982 Asian Games, has fallen from 61 ft to 27 ft, of which 16 ft is silt. As a consequence, the water supplies to local communities have dwindled sixfold.

A Delhi newspaper said yesterday that government crisis measures were unlikely to counter the long-term impact on the economy: "If it is development resources

that get diverted, the overall impact is bound to be all the more severe... the drought could spell disaster," it said.

By a grim irony, at least 120 people and thousands of cattle have died in flash floods in the north-eastern states of Assam, West Bengal and Bihar. More than 300,000 people are sheltering in temporary refugee camps, as Indian Air Force planes drop relief supplies to hundreds of thousands more, marooned when rivers burst their banks and inundated low-lying areas. Road and railway bridges have been washed away, and at least 126,000 acres of cultivated land are under water in upper Assam alone.

The contrasting calamities have led to opposition charges that the Government was failing to manage the country's water resources. Mr Indrajit Gupta, a Communist MP, said that, even after 40 years of planned development, India was still at the mercy of the elements.

The monsoon failure is baffling Indian scientists, who are debating several theories, ranging from an atmospheric depression in the Bay of Bengal to melting snows in the Himalayas. They are also investigating an apparent relationship with increasing surface temperatures as far removed as the southern Pacific Ocean and Antarctica. The outlook appears bleak, as the prospects of further rain are diminishing.

Rescuers, above, removing the body of one of the tourists killed by a mountain boulder in Colorado and, below, highway workers examining the rock, which hit a bus.



## Rock kills seven in tourist bus

Winter Park, Colorado (AP) — A boulder dislodged by road workers ploughed down a mountain and into the side of a Rocky Mountain tourist bus, killing seven people and injuring 15 others.

Two of the dead were Australians. The others were all American citizens. Eight of the injured were admitted to hospital, four of them in a serious condition. Others were treated and released.

"It's a terrible accident," the state's Governor, Mr Roy Romer, told reporters. "Quite frankly, it's our responsibility to make it right."

The state will pay medical costs for the injured, help bring family members to Colorado and provide counselling. The Governor added: "I am personally accepting responsibility for the state."

## Burmese leader admits his mistakes

Bangkok (Reuters) — U Nu Win, the Burmese leader, has publicly owned up to mistakes by his Government for the first time in his 25-year rule, Western diplomats said.

"The entire truth should be submitted without any attempt to hide the facts," the 75-year-old leader told a meeting of senior officials and politicians in Rangoon. He ordered them to stop covering up shortcomings and to review accurately failures in their work since 1974, and hinted that changes might be made to the country's 13-year-old Constitution.

Burma has slumped to the depths of poverty since U Nu Win's 1962 coup. Political unrest provoked by food shortages in the early 1970s led to the last round of changes in the Constitution.

Western diplomats in Bangkok were surprised by U Nu Win's admission of failures in the mix of Marxist economics, Buddhism and military rule dubbed the "Burmese road to Socialism".

"U Nu never admits anything is wrong," said one.

## Vance ill

New York (Reuters) — The former US Secretary of State, Mr Cyrus Vance, is undergoing medical tests after he had complained of cardiac discomfort.

## Climber dies

Wellington (Reuters) — The body of Harry Ayres, aged 74, one of New Zealand's most famous mountaineers, who taught Sir Edmund Hillary to climb, has been found almost a month after he disappeared from his Christchurch home.

## Doctors back

Colombo (Reuters) — Two thousand doctors employed in state hospitals across Sri Lanka ended a 27-day strike over examination policies.

## Birth triumph

Nantes (AFP) — A 29-year-old woman who had a heart transplant two years ago has given birth to a 5lb 6oz girl. She is the first heart transplant patient to give birth in Europe.

## Miners out

Belgrade (Reuters) — About 450 coal miners have gone on strike for a 100 per cent pay rise, and Mr Mehmet Becic, general director of the Djurdjevik mine in central Yugoslavia, said they would be offered 40 per cent.

## For Genghis

Hong Kong (Reuters) — China plans to build a mausoleum in Lanzhou, in the north-west, for Genghis Khan, the 13th-century Mongolian emperor.

## Warning to Seoul strikers

Seoul (Reuters) — Spreading labour unrest hit South Korea's leading exporters yesterday as the military-backed Government threatened to intervene.

The country's three car makers, two leading shipbuilders and a leading electronic manufacturer were among more than 190 concerns disrupted by an explosion of labour disputes in key mining, manufacturing and transport industries.

Fifteen people were injured as car assembly-line workers fought with strike-breaking white-collar employees. Police reported intermittent clashes in the volatile east-central

mining area, where about 24,000 coal miners went on strike at 18 mines, including the country's largest. Fifteen other mines in central and southern South Korea also closed.

The main fish market in the country's largest port, Pusan, closed when 600 fishermen demonstrating for more pay smashed market furniture.

The Labour Minister, Mr Lee Hean Ki, said the strikes had cost at least £110,000 million in lost production and exports in the past 15 days, and warned that the Government was losing patience.

"If the labour disputes

spread further, impeding the lives of the public and posing unacceptable damage to the economy, the Government will have no choice but to deal with them in accordance with law," he said.

Labour discord has exploded since July 1, when the Government accepted opposition demands for political reforms to end violent street protests.

Mr Lee's warning comes after appeals for moderation by both government and opposition leaders. Diplomats, dissidents and other observers fear that increasing turmoil could stifle nascent democratic reform.

## Afghans flee to Kabul from Soviet attacks

Islamabad (Reuters) — Refugees have been streaming into Kabul to escape intensive bombardment by Soviet and Afghan Government forces near the city. Western diplomatic sources in Islamabad said yesterday.

Quoting reports from Kabul, they said rocketing, shelling and aerial bombing lit up the night sky to the north-west of the Afghan capital almost every evening last week.

Soviet and Afghan troops fighting Western-backed guerrillas moved into the Shomali region north of the city on August 7 after several days of bombardment, which the sources described as the most intensive seen this year. They estimated the number of refugees at more than 2,000.

The diplomatic sources said the refugees, on foot or on donkeys, carried traffic jams near a Soviet base at Khair Khana, on the outskirts of Kabul. Troop convoys were seen moving towards the north of the city, on August 8

many squadrons of helicopters took off from Kabul airport on low-level sorties to the combat zone, they said.

The Shomali region, a bastion of Islamic fundamentalism, is a fertile plain stretching north of Kabul. The bombardment was at its most heaviest against towns located between Shakardara and Istalaf on its western edge. The towns are in the foothills of mountains rising to 15,450 ft much used by the Mujahidin guerrillas as a base for attacks on Kabul.

The anti-rebel drive followed several days of fighting around the Salang road, the main artery linking Kabul to the Soviet border, which crosses Shomali. The diplomatic sources said traffic was interrupted for several days last week. They also reported heavy high-level bombing of Paghman, south of Shakardara, and in rocket range of the Khair Khana base, on August 4 after overnight Mujahidin attacks.

# China woos Tibetans with language concession

From Robert Gieves, Lhasa

The legislature of China's Tibetan autonomous region late last month adopted new regulations making it mandatory for all government officials to learn Tibetan as the "major official language" by July 1, 1988.

On that date Tibetan will be listed as a required subject in primary schools and all other school subjects will be taught in the language. Tibetans will also be used in post offices, banks, shops, meeting houses and courts in the region, according to the regulations.

Students "of the majority Han Chinese nationality" will "continue to use Mandarin in classes", the regulations carefully note. But that proviso cannot hide the fact that, after 36 years of Chinese rule, during which traditional Tibetan culture was virtually destroyed, Peking is now trying to restore some semblance of Tibet's former "cultural characteristics".

During the Chinese "libera-

tion" of Tibet in 1950-1951, again during the abortive 1959 Tibetan uprising against Chinese rule, and finally during China's Cultural Revolution (1966-1976), Tibetan monasteries and temples were shelled or otherwise destroyed and thousands of Tibetans were tortured or murdered. Today only 26 of the former 1,500 functioning monasteries and temples exist. But, to ease tensions between Tibetans and Chinese and attract the much-needed hard currency of foreign tourists to this economically depressed region, the Chinese since 1980 have allowed Tibetans to begin rebuilding their holy places.

Given the violence of their recent history, it is not surprising that Tibetans continue openly to loathe their Chinese masters. This is because Peking continues to send increasingly more Chinese into Tibet, in part by offering 10,000 yuan (about £2,000) as a bonus over three years, and because Mandarin was taught in all second-



The Dalai Lama: he will not return without power.

ary schools and used in all public offices.

The economic disparity between Tibet and the adjacent Sichuan province has exacerbated the bad feelings between the two nationalities. Because Peking has in the past two years abandoned its policy of developing the west (Tibet, Qinghai, Gansu, Shanxi and Xinjiang) in favour of devel-

oping the east (Shanghai, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Guangdong, Fujian and Liaoning), the average annual per capita rural income gap between the west and east has widened from 72 yuan six years ago to 190 yuan today.

Another continuing source of tension between the two peoples is that the Chinese genuinely do not understand the Tibetans. Peking believes that it has brought much needed public works projects and hydro-electric plants to a backward nation and should be thanked for its trouble.

Many, if not most, Tibetans also want the region's economy and society to become more progressive. And the majority of Tibetan intellectuals agree with Peking that Tibet's former theocracy bled the country of resources while holding back development.

But the majority want the exiled Dalai Lama to return. In 1959 the god-king was forced to flee from the Norbulingka, his summer palace at Lhasa, just before

Chinese troops shelled it.

Today, at the age of 52, Mr Tenzin Gyatso, the Dalai Lama, lives in Dharamsala in India and heads the Tibetan religious and political community in exile there. He is a progressive, dynamic leader who will not return to China unless he is guaranteed full powers of autonomy in Tibet. So far, Peking has proved unwilling to cede to him such sweeping authority.

But the visit to Tibet last month by the Panchen Lama, Tibetan Buddhism's most important religious leader after the Dalai Lama, may have provided the impetus for the new Tibetan-language regulations, according to sources in Lhasa.

After being received in Xigaze, Tibet's second holiest city, by thousands of cheering Tibetans, the Panchen Lama, who has lived in Peking since the 1950s, travelled to Lhasa, where he attended a meeting of the local Communist Party officials.

At that meeting he is re-

ported to have pounded the table and rebuked the officials, both Chinese and Tibetan, for the "low level of Tibetan language skills exhibited by Tibetan youth". The Panchen Lama also reportedly asked the Chinese officials why, after three decades of ruling Tibet, most of them had still not learnt Tibetan.

It is difficult for anyone in Lhasa or Peking to predict when or if Tibet will become an integrated part of China. During the recent visit to Tibet of Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany, People's Liberation Army troops and armed border guards were stationed in front of Tibetan houses as his motorcade passed into the city centre.

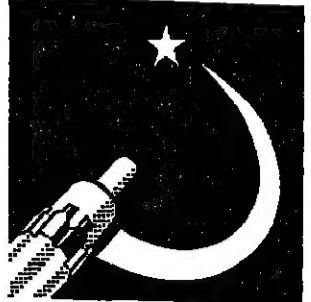
In such a climate of mistrust, progress will be hard to achieve. An elderly tour guide at the Norbulingka seemed to sum up the feelings of the Tibetan man in the street when he asked: "How can we be sure that the current (relatively friendly) Chinese policies towards Tibet will last?"



## SPECTRUM

## The eagle lost in space . . .

## HARVEST OF THE SUN

Part 3  
Old glory

The melancholy assessment could hardly come from a more diametric source. Pete Conrad, who walked on the moon in 1969 and commanded America's Skylab in 1973, believes the Russians are now ahead of America in most key areas of space exploration.

"If you ask me who is building the data on going to Mars, I'd say they are," he said recently. "A trip to Mars takes roughly 450 days. They'll have experience with man in space for 300 days if their current flight is successful. Our longest trip is about 85 days."

The lead the Americans once established in space has all but evaporated, he said, because the last five presidents have given low priority to space and the country has failed to establish long-term goals. The Russians and even the French and Chinese were now catching up fast.

His views are being echoed across the country as a trumpet of alarm has been sounded. Newspapers and magazines have been bitterly critical recently of NASA's floundering attempts to get back into space. This week's *Time* magazine devotes a whole special issue to America's faltering space programme entitled "Lost in Space." The cover shows a US astronaut drifting out into the void on the end of his life support cord.

The worry at being left behind has been growing ever since the traumatic explosion of the shuttle Challenger last year, followed by the maddening coincidence of failures with older conventional rockets. But it has been hastened by recent developments that point up the contrast with the steady progress the Russians have been making. The fact that while Moscow made 91 launches last year — 90 of them successfully — the US managed only nine, and three failed. The Russians, on target with their new heavy-lift rocket Energia, are even offering to launch US satellites on a contract basis at cut-price rates — and have had the gall to take on an American agent to tout for business.

"The Soviets have set up a very steady, thoughtful, well

The Americans may be anguishing over the tatters of their space programme, but Michael Binyon finds them complacent about Russian plans to build an industrial empire in space

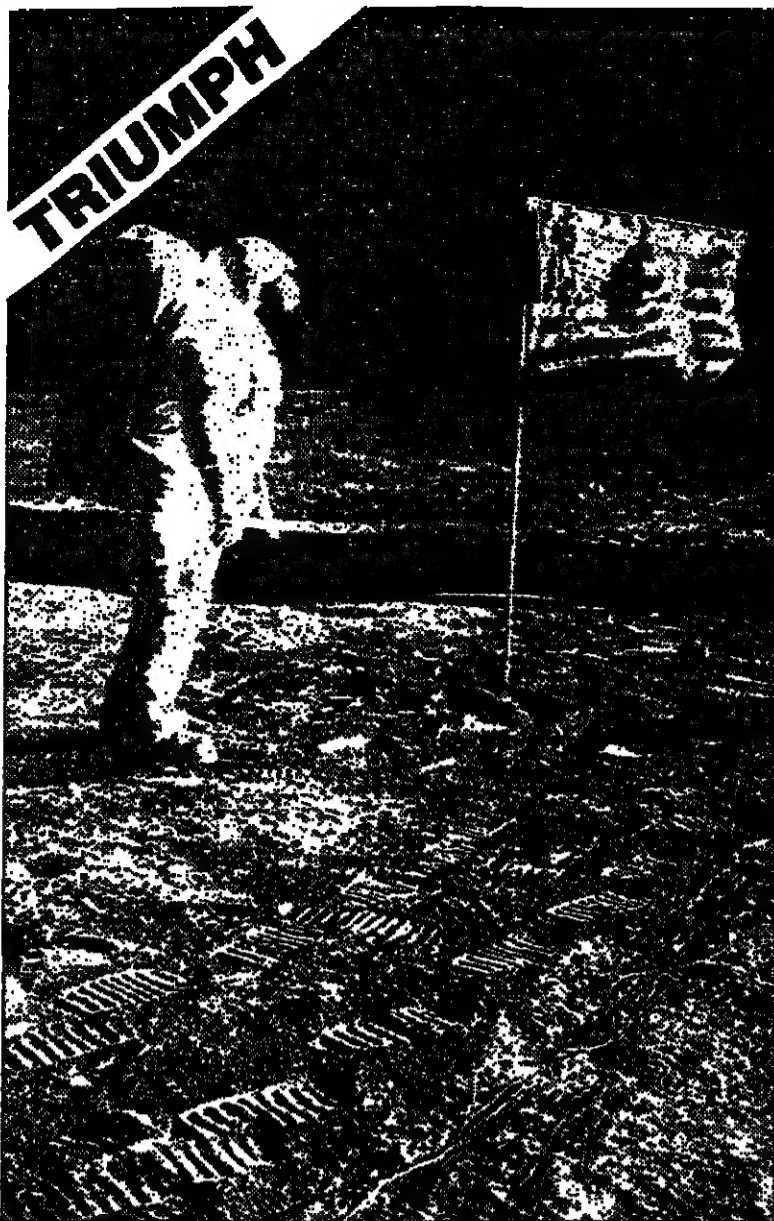
laid-out programme," says Senator John Glenn of Ohio, the former astronaut and the man who more than anyone embodies American achievement and heroism in space. "You have got to give them credit. We had better look out: they are catching up."

Catching up? Joseph Allen, another former astronaut, puts it much more strongly. By the time the US space platform flies in the 1990s, he says, the Russians will "be putting condominiums up there". Allen is one of the few Americans to have taken aboard the unthinkable, namely that the Russians are in the lead. He believes the United States is in danger of becoming "the Portugal of space": the country that got to the New World early, but then stepped back and let others develop it.

Certainly, the recent launch of a huge Soviet radar satellite, the Cosmos 1870, has stirred up some concern. The much smaller American equivalent, the EOS platform, is not planned to launch before 1996. This week Representative Bill Nelson, a Florida Democrat and chairman of the House space subcommittee, said: "This means that for five years they've been working on something that we're not going to put up until the next decade. That makes concern the order of the day. There's no over-reaction to this. They've been making obvious gains."

But few Americans would agree that the Russians are getting there with better equipment or superior engineering. NASA experts still insist that the Russians' huge new Energia rocket is far from the cutting edge of technology, and in fact only puts the Russians where the US was 20 years ago with the Saturn rocket that took Conrad and others to the moon.

They also insist that the reason Moscow needs to launch so many satellites is because they are worse in quality and have a shorter life. By contrast, they say, the US long ago abandoned Saturn for the longer-lasting shuttle, and sold the tooling for scrap.



There is also widespread scepticism in Washington about the grandiose Soviet plans to industrialize space, as outlined in the first two parts of our series: plans to illuminate cities using sun-deflecting mirrors; the transporting of energy through space by laser; and the creation of orbiting solar power stations. Americans who know the Soviet Union well cite the enormous economic and technological obstacles on the ground, let alone in space, and the long lead times between laboratory testing and practical implementation. The Russians' penchant for grandiose panaceas to intractable problems is notorious.

Against that, however, the Americans are well known for believing that nothing important can happen outside their frontiers. The Russians have a master plan, well advanced, to develop space as a wealth-creating resource — and in Energia, which can lift the equivalent of nine US space shuttles flights and which is relatively cheap because it can be recovered and reused, they have the means to do it. The United States, by contrast, has no clear civilian strategy. If the story of space is that of the hare and the tortoise, it seems

that the American hare is still half asleep.

"The Americans still do not believe it all," says Alan Bond, designer of the HOTOL engine, and head of space propulsion at the UK Atomic Energy Authority at Culham. "But my colleagues and I are convinced... that the Russians are now years ahead along the path to space industrialization and poised to gain benefits which would give them economic leadership of the world. Russian rockets may look crude but under the casing they are years ahead in engine performance."

In the military field people do not doubt that Russia is watching America's Star Wars plans with anxiety and is pushing ahead with similar developments of its own. It will feel forced to try to realize these if SDI cannot be blocked at the negotiating table. However the US is now critically short of launching capacity, to the extent that the Pentagon is doubtful whether it now has enough military and spy satellites in space to monitor any arms control agreement.

It is, of course, in the interests both of the Pentagon and of NASA to play up the Soviet challenge. The hardliners in the Defense Depart-

## HIGHS AND LOWS

Dec 6, 1957: Vanguard, carrying US hopes for matching the Oct 4 launch of Sputnik 1, and Nov 3 launch of Sputnik 2, explodes on the launch pad

Jan 31, 1958: Werner von Braun's crash project hurries Explorer 1 into orbit aboard a Juno military rocket

May 5, 1961: Alan Shepard takes a 15½-minute hop into space to salvage dented US pride over Yuri Gagarin's 1½-hour orbital flight on April 12 — the first man in space

May 25, 1961: President Kennedy commits the US, within the decade, to landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely

Jan 17, 1967: Disasterous fire kills three American astronauts inside an Apollo spacecraft in routine tests

July 16, 1968: Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin land on the Moon — "one giant leap for mankind" (left)

1972: Three Apollo flights cancelled amid growing public indifference to space

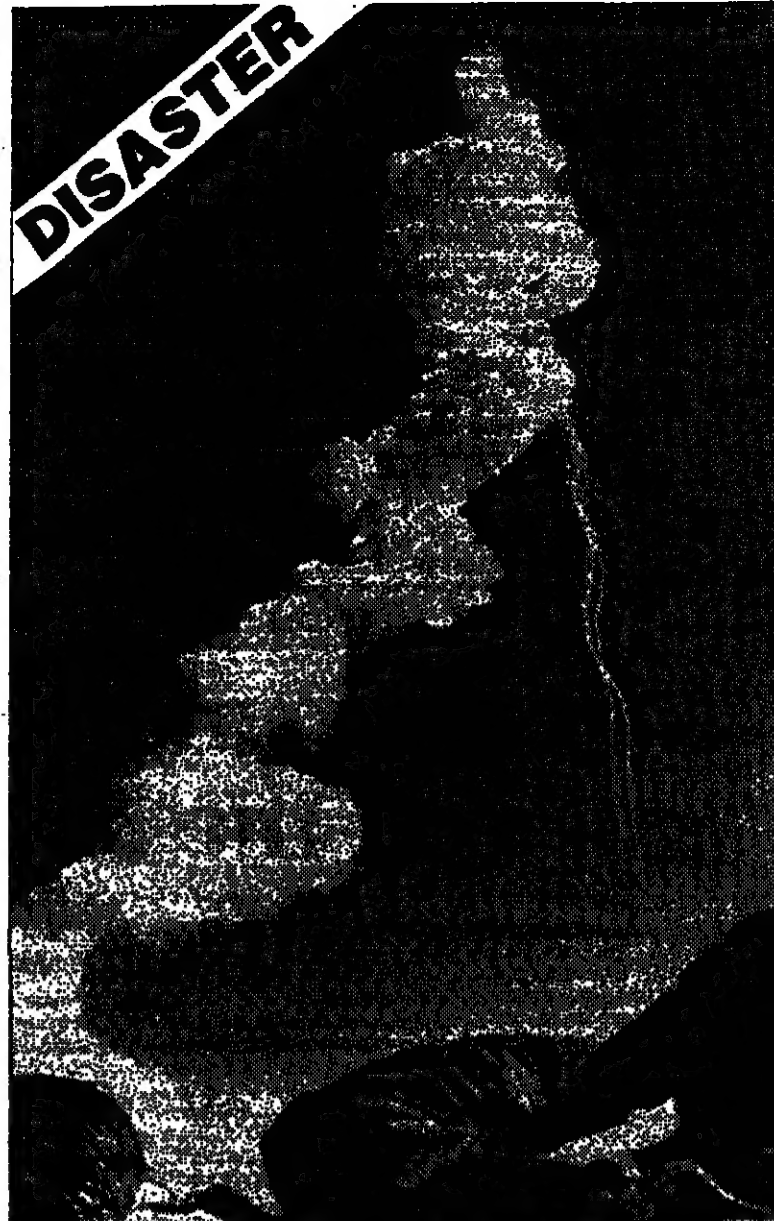
May-Nov 1973: Three Skylab flights, orbiting Americans for up to 59 days, but public enthusiasm continues to wane

July 15, 1975: Americans and Russians meet in orbit in the Apollo-Soyuz docking

April 12, 1981: First flight of the Space Shuttle, long delayed after massive cost increases

1984: US space shuttles make eight flights

Jan 28, 1986: Space Shuttle Challenger disintegrates, killing its crew and shattering US hopes of routine shuttle flights (right)



## The United States is in danger of becoming the Portugal of space: the country that got to the New World early, but then stepped back and let others develop it

Joseph Allen, former US astronaut

ment — which is itching to get back into the space programme — know that Congress will only vote the billions it wants for SDI if the country can be convinced of the continuing Soviet military threat, and that the Russians are themselves already conducting similar research.

More than a decade ago US generals were warning that Moscow was far ahead in laser technology and in charged particle beams.

NASA has seen its own programme progress in fits and starts according to public enthusiasm for space and worry about what the Russians are up to. It was, after all, the shock of the Sputnik and

Yuri Gagarin's flight that opened the purse strings in America and started the whole race in space. NASA says it does not want another race. Experts agree that while this might reject a sense of urgency into the US space programme, it would be devastating to any attempt to set long-term goals, an area where the Americans are already handicapped.

Nicholas Johnson, a Telebyte scientist and Soviet space expert, told *Newsweek* that the Soviet goal was nothing less than the evolution of man into space. "They really see it as inevitable, and they aim to be a large part of it, if not the leading part." Experts in America note that

whereas NASA launched Skylab, left it empty for most of its 75-month life and let it die in 1979, the Russians kept seven successive stations in orbit and accumulated three times the US total of hours in space.

The problem for the Americans is that they do not have any clear idea of what they now want to do in space. Contracts are to be awarded this autumn to begin work on a space platform that could cost \$32 billion (£20 billion). The Challenger is to be replaced with a new shuttle at an equally enormous cost. But critics argue that neither is necessary and that these are luxuries at a time of huge federal budget deficits. They want what they believe to be an unsophisticated Soviet-style programme.

Unsophisticated? At the moment the Soviets have planned for nothing less than economic domination of the world," says Alan Bond. "If our political system is to match the threat or beat it, we must treat space development as a massive engineering project composed of many elements, with detailed planning so that each part fits its role within an overall plan. That is what the Soviets have

done with Energia and the rest of its programme."

He is not sure, however, that America is capable of grasping what is needed. America might be able to match the Soviet moves with gadgets — spaceplanes, space stations and space power satellites — but it will be in vain unless they form part of a developing long-term plan. Their recently published National Space Plan has the space budget linked to national income.

He says: "If America is rich, they do some space research. If it is poor, they don't — rather like a hobby. In the end, the best chance for the West may be in collaboration between Europe and Japan. The French, Japanese and German governments are the only western ones to show a real perception of the promise of space development; and a European-Japanese collaboration would, have a much greater base of wealth than even the US."

The West should remember Aesop's fable — the tortoise won the race.

Additional reporting by Keith Hladky

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## Burnt offerings

The new craze for barbecues has brought about a resurgence of interest in an old rural craft

A fragrant blue smoke drifting through the Lakeland woods announces that the charcoal burner is back at his ancient trade and challenging foreign companies who have been meeting the demand for a light, "clean" barbecue fuel.

Sales of barbecue equipment defy the frequent disappointments of British summers. Harrods, for example, offers models costing up to £1,500 for a grill and a prayer for balmy evenings yet to come.

Most charcoal is imported from Spain, Portugal and the United States and costs the retailers about £2 for a 5lb bag. The people behind a pilot project to produce it in Cumbria intend to undercut the competition with the home-made variety, at £1.25 for a 5lb bag. They are being supported by the New Woodmanhood Trust and the Lake District Special Planning Board, both of whom are optimistic that profits from the venture can be used to improve woods.

Walter Lloyd, a Lancashire farmer and former Royal Navy man, is at the sharp end of the experiment. Living in a horse-drawn caravan, he tends his two kilns in extensive woodland stretching through the Windermere and Conistone. "It is charcoal that created these woods," he says. "Coppicing, the practice of using trees as a renewable crop, is the reason that they have survived."

For centuries men cut down some of the trees to produce



Charcoal burner: Walter Lloyd at his camp in Cumbria

clusters of shoots, or "poles", that could be gathered when they reached a usable diameter. What the men did not do was clear away the woods completely, which was what repeatedly happened in agricultural areas.

Charcoal is produced by creating a carefully controlled "burn" of 2 ft lengths of wood in a kiln which contains a limited supply of air. Constant vigilance is needed to ensure that the wood is only partly burnt, not incinerated, and to leave charcoal from which impurities have been driven out. The most commonly used types of wood are oak, birch and hazel, which are cut just above the ground to allow regrowth.

Michael Gee of the NWT, a charity set up to develop uses for trees, says: "There has been a lot of concern about the future of broad-leaved woodland. The Lake District contains some of the largest tracts left in the country."

"About 50 years have

passed since charcoal was produced in significant quantities and as long ago as the First World War some factories were importing it."

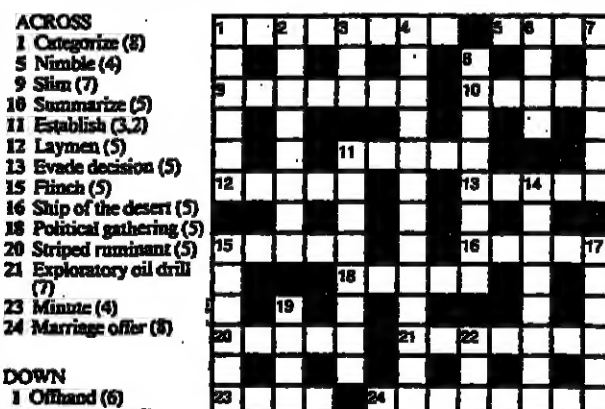
The shadowy charcoal burners, with their wigwag-shaped shelters, received rare exposure in Arthur Ransome's *Swallows and Amazons*, which was published in 1936. By then the burners were already moving towards the end of their era.

Before the industrial revolution, charcoal was immensely important to existing furnaces and was a major source of employment in forest areas. "If it is successful we hope to open more kilns in other parts of the Lake District," Gee says. "There is the prospect of new jobs, but they will be for the sort of people who like this type of life. It is not easy money working in the woods in all conditions."

John A. Hill

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# THE TIMES DIARY

## Bolt from the blue

Last month a rookie police constable, Tony Geary, claimed he had a miraculous escape from a sniper in South London when his personal radio stopped a crossbow bolt fired by a maniac from piercing his heart. Geary told the world: "I have no intention of quitting over this. I want to stay a policeman." The prospect is apparently looking less likely. Yesterday I learnt that Geary, who had been on sick leave with arm injuries, has been suspended. Detective Inspector David Wood, who is leading an inquiry into Geary's story, told me: "A report is being sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions." Though the latest edition of *Police Review* features the story of Geary's escape and reports the praise heaped upon him by superiors, at the weekend a Sunday newspaper cast strong doubts on his account.

## Kinnock's team

Neil Kinnock, I can announce, has now formed the Shadow Cabinet committee he intends to act as the engine-room for the party's economic policy-making. The idea to give the role to an inner-cabinet rather than delegate it to his economic spokesmen emerged when Kinnock appointed his frontbench team after the election. In what will be a relief to some in the Shadow Cabinet, he has left Hattersley, who voluntarily relinquished the shadow chancellorship, has been included, as has Denis Davies, a former Treasury spokesman. Even John Prescott, whose teamwork with Jim Callaghan was ill-received by Kinnock, and who was miffed to land only the energy brief after coming second in the Shadow Cabinet poll, has been allowed in.

## Late blooms

With the Labour Party's membership dropping after the election the people's party has hit on a new scheme to persuade fainthearted socialists to sport the red rose. Gone it seems are the days of the ostentatious two-inch campaign button. The latest Labour Party News is selling silver earrings (£11.99) and tiny red enamel brooches (£1). "These stylish enamel rose badges are ideal to broadcast your support for Labour in a subtle way," it suggests coyly.

As London Zoo hopes for the return of its ransomed owls, the Theatre Caddis Company's production of the gothic spoof *Nightmare Abbey* on the Edinburgh Fringe is lacking an essential part of its atmosphere — to wit (to woo) one stuffed owl, stolen from the company van.

## In-pork export

Photographer royal Norman Parkinson is about to introduce to Britain the culinary delicacy for which he is famous on the Caribbean island of Tobago — the Parkinson banger. Parkinson, who breeds pigs at his farm there, is so keen on sausage production that he has an abattoir in his back garden, in which he can dispatch 50 squealers at a time. Producing the sausages commercially on the island, he is shortly to market them in Britain and has won backing for the venture from Bill Muirhead, chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi Compton. Saatchi tell me that the idea was born over lunch when Parkinson casually mentioned his interest in Muirhead, Bruce's Butchers in Twickenham, west London, three times winners of a national sausage competition, have been entrusted to produce them from Parkinson's secret recipe.

## BARRY FANTONI



"David Owen? I believe he's busy talking to Abdul Qadir"

## New Romantic

The Wordsworth Trust announced yesterday that the Prime Minister was to become patron of a major exhibition on Wordsworth and the Age of English Romanticism to be held in the US later this year. I must confess the news of Mrs T's involvement flicked one eyebrow skyward. She is known to take Kipling's words on holiday and recently recited a Rupert Brooke poem on television, but the young Wordsworth's radicalism can hardly be her cup of tea. The trust's honorary secretary, Robert Woolf, speaking from Dove Cottage in Grasmere, scooped my fears: "One of the things Mrs Thatcher does say about herself is that she is a radical." And we all know who sings Blake's *Jerusalem*.

# Justice for the traveller abroad

by Wesley Gryk

Captain Simon Hayward's conviction in Sweden on charges of drug smuggling has focused public attention on the difficulty facing any individual charged with a criminal offence outside his own country. In such cases, the accused's lack of familiarity with the institutions, procedures and laws add to the trauma of meeting the charges made and attempting to establish innocence.

If anything, Captain Hayward's situation has been better than that of most British nationals facing criminal prosecutions abroad. Few criminal defendants, at home or abroad, would be able to marshal the resources which the captain brought to his defence. Members of the British establishment, including an MP and the captain's former commanding officer, went to Sweden to assert their confidence in his integrity. The finest legal expertise, both British and Swedish, has been available to him.

The publicity given to Hayward's case meant that those working on his behalf have been able to obtain wide publicity with respect to the very real shortcomings in the Swedish judicial procedures relating to the use of extended pre-trial solitary confinement and the admission of

hearsay evidence. This cannot help but put continued pressure on the Swedish authorities dealing with his case.

The National Council for the Welfare of Prisoners Abroad notes that its organization currently has on its books representations made on behalf of more than 300 Britons incarcerated in some 51 countries. These include many individuals who are held after conviction at trials which, by British standards of justice, would be considered inadequate. They also include individuals held without any right to trial. There are likely to be many similar cases which have not come to the attention of the national council, an organization set up specifically to deal with the problems of British nationals detained abroad.

The problem with such cases is that no country (including, of course, the United Kingdom) wishes to submit to external interference in its domestic traditional system. Under the Treaty of Vienna or under a separate bilateral treaty, the British embassy in a particular country does have the right to be informed about the detention of a British

national in that country.

However, while it can then insist on the right of an embassy official to visit the detained individual and arrange legal representation for him, it cannot insist that special standards of justice be applied. The basic rule applicable is the "national treatment doctrine", whereby aliens and nationals of the country concerned are entitled in principle to equal treatment. This same doctrine, however, precludes better than equal treatment for the foreign detainee.

It is only since the end of the Second World War that there has begun to be some slight evolution in this position, with the articulation of certain international "minimum standards" for the protection of human rights, in instruments such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights, and the European Convention on Human Rights. Each of these has tried to walk a delicate line of specifying particular guarantees on a fair trial while at the same time trying not to impose a bias towards one sort of legal system or another.

The result has been that many of the standards defined remain on a level of considerable generality. Yet, even on such a level, the standards may prove relevant in particular cases. Those criticizing the procedures followed in Hayward's case with respect to the admission of hearsay evidence, for example, are likely to cite Article 6 (3) of the European Convention, which specifies the right of everyone charged with a criminal offence "to examine or have examined witnesses against him".

As with much of international human rights law, however, the problem is the lack of adequate and effective enforcement mechanisms. The European Convention is one of the few human rights instruments which provides a real procedure for complaints to be heard. But that procedure will not even begin to function until after the captain's appeal has been heard in Sweden and then could take several years thereafter. His position, therefore, remains the most difficult one, though none the less one in many ways more privileged than that of many of his countrymen who find themselves in foreign prisons.

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Jill Sherman on a health district that treads where the Government dare not

# Health service privateer

The Social Services Secretary, John Moore, will come under increasing pressure over the next year to find ways of meeting rising demands on the National Health Service without significantly increasing public spending. The Government has until now been surprisingly reluctant to explore ways to supplement central funding for the NHS, fearing that any such move would be politically compromising. Even a comparatively innocent draft circular on income-raising in the NHS has lain dormant for more than a year.

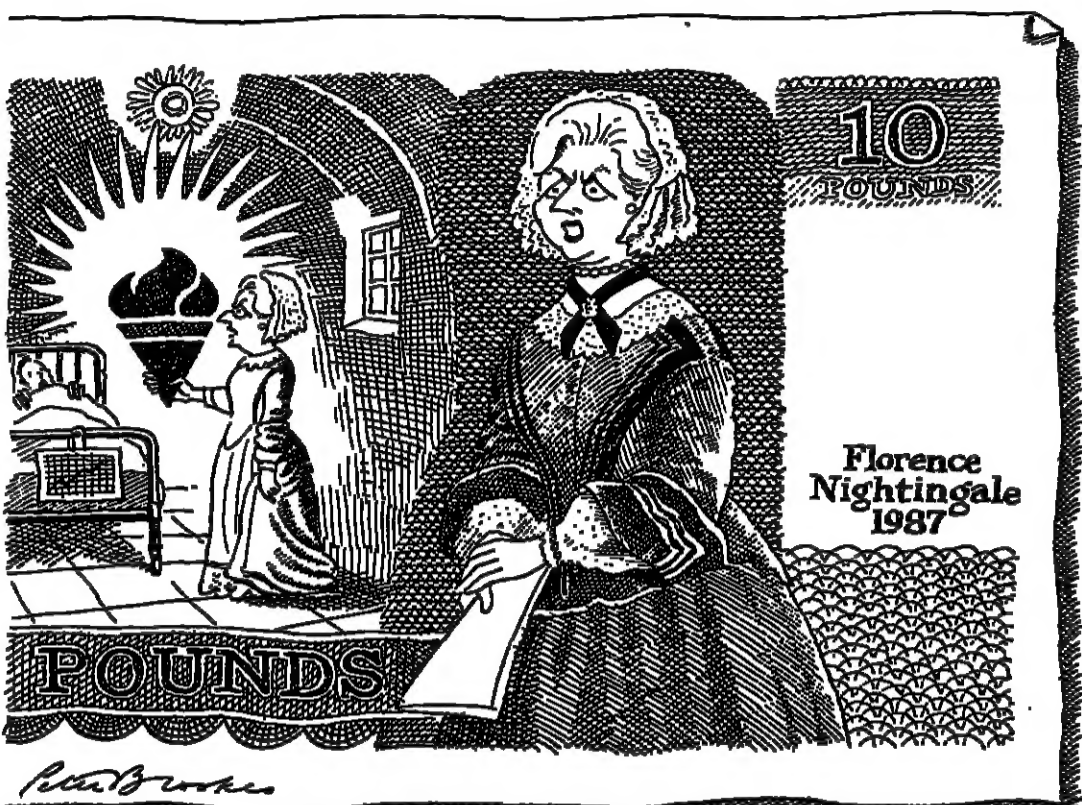
Yet only a stone's throw from Westminster, in the Labour-controlled borough of Hackney, one of Moore's 192 district general managers is implementing, by the back door, everything that the Government has shied away from.

In the past six months City and Hackney Health Authority has set up two *in vitro* fertilization clinics with the private sector, used private hospitals to reduce waiting lists, shared medical equipment with a private hospital, started charging other authorities for its services, and asked general practitioners outside London to refer their patients to their own areas.

"Market forces" and "competition" are now common parlance to Dr Kenneth Grant, the authority's general manager, a former Labour chairman of Bloomsbury ward, who now says he is a political agnostic. The Labour-controlled borough council does not approve of the changes he has made, nor does the left-wing community health council, which claims that Dr Grant is single-handedly undermining the principle of the NHS that services should be free. Nevertheless, the charismatic doctor has already persuaded his health authority, on which all these organizations are well represented, to allow him to "explore" fund-raising projects and marketing schemes for clinical and non-clinical services, including setting up contracts with other health authorities, overseas clients and City firms.

In October, for example, St Bartholomew's Hospital is opening a fee-paying breast cancer clinic to screen women aged over 40 in the City. It hopes to extend this to other women's services, such as cervical cancer screening, and to hypertension screening for heart disease. The only project that the authority has rejected outright is the least radical proposal — setting up a private wing at Barts (most other London teaching hospitals have them).

City and Hackney Health Authority is in an inner London district which encompasses poverty on the one hand and a thriving business community in the City on the other. Grant



formerly a district medical officer based at Barts, is a consultant who has a well-established network of consultant colleagues and is well-tuned to the art of fund-raising directly from the "well" patient.

After a spate of publicity during the general election campaign, one businessman who had a heart attack in the Barbican offered £150,000 to upgrade a resuscitation room. Grant is also appealing directly to companies to sponsor operations — for example, 200 hip operations courtesy of a leading chain store or merchant bank, with the firms' names on the hospital bandages.

The authority, traditionally overprovided with hospital services, has had its annual £88 million budget reduced by more than £4 million over the past four years as part of the Government's policy of redistributing money to poorer parts of the country. It now says it cannot afford to treat more patients, even though it still has spare capacity.

This year the authority for the first time decided to cut down the number of patients it treated, by 2,700 a year, and had to ask GPs in neighbouring authorities to refer patients elsewhere. Like other London teaching districts, a high proportion of its patients needing specialist treatment are referred from authorities in other parts of the country.

Grant argues that the hospital should be paid directly for these

operations, where it has proven expertise, and that an internal market should start operating in the NHS whereby hospitals could start selling services to one another. St Bartholomew's, for example, is now charging for expensive techniques such as growth hormone replacement, children's eye tumour operations, and some kidney treatments.

Grant may epitomize the new breed of general manager in the health service, but in his backdoor manoeuvres, which have taken even his own district by surprise, he has already bent, if not broken, several rules in the NHS book. He has launched profit-making ventures by setting up fee-paying schemes, even though the NHS is not permitted to make a profit. He has also set up a breast screening centre for those who can afford to pay, without providing the same service to the NHS.

Local consultants are worried that the authority's decision to charge other authorities for a fixed amount of operations will result in queue-jumping. Patients who are referred directly by GPs to consultants at the hospital may have to wait longer while the hospital treats patients sent by their authorities with a fee attached.

Doctors are also concerned about charging in advance for specialist operations. In one case a hospital sent back a patient to the referring district because the general manager refused to pay. If a

patient is seriously ill, or there is a chance he may not get treatment he needs locally, can the hospital justifiably turn him out of bed?

The unions claim that Grant is sending the district back to the Poor Law era in his efforts to set up fund-raising events. They say the health service should be centrally funded and not propped up by charitable donations.

The Social Services Secretary would, however, do well to look at the lessons Grant has learned; he may even have done so, quietly. Moore's department, which has denied rumours that it is reviewing NHS funding, appears to be turning a blind eye to events in the City and Hackney district.

Nevertheless, a recent study by the Public Expenditure Policy Group, headed by a former principal finance officer at the Department of Health and Social Security, showed public support for charges when using the NHS. Last week, health service managers set up their own review of alternative funding, claiming that a tax-funded service would not, realistically, be able to cope with future demand.

Although he is allowing others, such as the City and Hackney authority and the Institute of Health Services Management, to do his leg work, Moore will impress few people with denials that alternative methods of funding the health service are not on his agenda.

Iraq is too weak to do much about its wish for a different regime in Tehran, Iran, on the other hand, sticks to its declared intention of toppling Saddam Hussein and installing a successor who is sympathetic to Iranian views. To make it clear that this war is not between peoples, the Ayatollah Musavi-Ardabili made a surprising assertion: "The Iraqi nation is not at fault," he said in a sermon at Friday prayers at Tehran University on May 15. "We are one victim of aggression and the Iraqi nation is another. We must deliver both nations, with God's blessings."

Whether the Iraqi nation would view such destabilization as deliverance is another question. Some Iraqi Shias would welcome it. Most Sunnis would not. Judging from Iran's mistreatment of its own minorities (the followers of the Baha'i religion are one example) those with the most to fear would be the smaller Iraqi minorities, the Turcomans, the Chaldeans and Armenian Christians and others.

Iraq has already refused the UN Security Council resolution calling for a ceasefire and a withdrawal of troops to pre-war borders. It will have no effect on Iranian ambitions. Nor is Tehran able to achieve these quickly, if at all. In the meantime, the propaganda, like the fighting, goes on.

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Ben Pimlott

# Rehousing the SDP refugees

Now that the disintegration of the SDP is almost complete, it is worth considering what is likely to happen to the bits. What does history tell us about the fate of members of a breakaway party? What options are available to the rank and file?

Of 10 minor parties (apart from one-man bands and Celtic groupings) that have won seats at general elections this century, only one — the Communists — has managed to maintain its independence for long.

Two splinters from the Liberals, the Joseph Chamberlainite Liberal Unionists and the Liberal National Party, both disappeared into the Conservative Party, as did the sole Tory breakaway, Henry Page Croft's National Party, founded in 1917. Of four ex-Labour groups, two were spin-offs from coalitions: the First World War National Democratic Party, and the Ramsay MacDonaldite National Labour Party. Both were creatures of the governments they were formed to support, and soon became politically indistinguishable from them.

The only example before the SDP of a Labour breakaway with any ideological vigour was James Maxton's Independent Labour Party, which decided to fight alone in 1932. In contrast to the Social Democrats, the ILP was a left-wing group with a strongly localized appeal. Nationally, it lost members fast, and reunited with Labour after the last war.

It will be seen that, except for the Chamberlainites (a 19th not a 20th century formation) the SDP has been the most successful as well as electorally the most durable. It may also be felt, however, that temporary success has been achieved, not through a defiance of the laws of gravity, but because the SDP's independence was shrewdly nurtured by the Liberals for just so long as it was useful to them; and because of Labour's nervous breakdown. Once these conditions ceased to apply, the SDP's disappearance became inevitable. By voting to merge with its patron, the SDP has followed the example of its predecessors, when they no longer had a role.

Nevertheless it would be foolish to treat Dr Owen's mooted breakaway from his own breakaway as mere summer penitence. The chances of a separatist SDP doing anything except eliminate those MPs unwise enough to join it are zero. Yet the political fact which it represents — the resistance of a large minority of Social Democrats to the absorption of their party — has importance.

The SDP dissidents, who include half the party's ruling council, face a hard choice. Some may return in disillusion to the non-political void, whence they came. Others, after experimenting with the Owenite lost cause, will doubtless accept the wily Tory embrace and seek careers in that party. But there is also a residue of true radicals, for whom woolly-minded

Liberal impotence has no attraction, yet who find Thatcherism abhorrent. For these, the Labour Party should offer a new appeal.

On the domestic front, the difference between well-meaning SDP-ers and mainstream Labour opinion is more emotional than real. Of the policies that have been under review, are in abeyance, or have been overtaken by the passage of time. There remain serious difficulties, but Labour Party membership has never entailed a vow of obedience to any particular programme. Moreover, Labour is now showing a real desire to start the policy-building process afresh. Here is an opportunity for eager recruits.

Obviously, the transition will not be possible for everyone. Some will find a second switch psychologically difficult, and may be wary of Labour even in its more open-minded mode. Others, because of their opinions or because they were prominently involved in a desertion that contributed to Labour's defeat at two elections, will not be welcome. But there is a sizeable group, including many SDP members who have never been in any other party, who should not find the gap impossible to bridge.

A key factor will be the attitude that awaits them. Labour will naturally be cautious about taking in people who recently backed a political enemy, and there can be no general amnesty. But there should be no spirit of vindictiveness either. For those who have not stood as candidates, there is no constitutional ground for opposing admission, and there are solid political reasons for encouraging it. Although the Social Democrats were initially weighed down by second-tier Labour MPs mainly motivated by aggression towards former colleagues, this element has been partially displaced, and the SDP now includes a number of policy-minded experts, often sharply egalitarian in approach, who would be a positive asset.

To bring in some active SDP supporters would help Labour win over crucial electoral support, for example among skilled and white collar workers. There would also be hope of scooping up some of the small but influential progressive middle class, whose backing is vital if Labour is to shape a new consensus.

There has been much talk of a "realignment" in politics to end the long domination of the right. In the short term the most effective form of realignment may be to offer an olive branch to former friends. Now that Labour can do so from a position of strength, the time has come for a carefully worded speech making clear that there is room, within Labour's broad community, for any serious and constructive person who wants to get rid of the present government, and work for a better future.

however . . . Howard Jacobson

# Long life and gloominess

Sitting on a Cornish cliff top the other day, having no choice but to listen to *Woman's Hour* on a neighbouring mountaineer's transistor radio, I heard someone who had just written a book on the subject explaining how it was possible to smile away everything from a mere unsightly wart to a tumour which even the most sanguine doctors had pronounced incurable. Smile away, you must understand. Not just go with a laugh and a joke, gurgling and chortling into that good night. You could actually chirp yourself back to perfect health, that was her point. You could smirk the malignancy clean out of your body.

The speaker herself had one of those hysterically vitalistic voices that you often encounter in the bravely distraught, those who will tell you, while their eyes pinpoint horrors, that they have never had a depressed day in their lives, never once doubted God's plan, never been lonely, never known what it was to be bored. On a narrow precipice, several hundred feet above sea level, the voice in the tranny, advocating jollity, swung like a funeral knell. Not wanting to ask for it to be turned off — I think one should be tolerant in these matters, and anyway it could have been worse: it could have been Gloria Hunniford or David Jacobs — I lay back in the sullen gorse and listened to the insects scrapping. Above me the seagulls circled in their usual filthy mood. A couple of bees buzzed each other over a snort of pollen. Down below, the lobsters howled in their pots. Nowhere on the entire face of nature was there a semblance of a smile to be seen. Only man, by include of course I mean also to include woman, torments himself with the idea that it behoves him to show his gums and say, "Cheese!"

"Smile!" the very people with whom you would be least likely ever to share a joke exhort you from their T-shirts and their beach bags and the lapel badges on their anoraks. "Smile," you are dared from the rear of the Datsun Sunny in front of you, "Smile — if you have had sex today." As if anyone ever smiled after sex.

"Smile!" adults were always ordering me when I was a child, as though my not doing so were a breach of the social contract itself. "Wotcher!" one of my uncles used to say to me. And I was meant to say "Wotcher!" back, whereupon he would reply: "That chair over there." I didn't move a muscle on my face. It's possible I had no sense of humour. "Smile!" he would then rage. "It may never happen."

"Too late," I invariably replied. "It already has."

I wasn't being smart. All children know that along with original sin they bear the burden of original gloom. It had already happened and there was nothing any smile of mine could do to reverse it. God's voice had walked in the garden, between the sour-sops and the cross-words and the avenues of weeping-birch, and had not said anything that was funny. Even judged by the standards of the most serious religious thinkers, He in whose image we are fashioned is unusual for the small number of amusing things He did say. And "Get out of my garden" wasn't one of them.

As for the curative powers of a happy disposition, no claim is more demonstrably untrue. Why are the old always querulous? Because a long life and a short temper go on well together. You don't become irascible because you've lived long, you live long because you always were irascible. "Bile!" is the favourite expression of the healthiest, most mole and wart-free man I know. "Bile!" It is an expression of opinion which covers all contingencies. Try saying it and you will see how good for you it is. It actually tightens the face muscles and straightens the back. Feel your spine harden? Feel your jaw set?

Now say "Smile!" and feel the difference. Your mouth goes slack, your shoulders droop, your eyes hurt, a couple of thousand brain cells die with the shame of unemployment. The truth is the body doesn't want to smile approvingly, any more than does the spirit. Elephants look lugubrious and live forever. Left to their own devices baboons grow plentiful showing their backsides. A seasoned sadness and an equable contempt — that's the secret of rude health.





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## PROTECTION FOR WHOM?

The Government is to send Royal Navy minesweepers to the Gulf, thus appearing to reverse its earlier decision not to do so. As we argued at the time, the first Whitehall policy was wrong. Last night's development is, therefore, a move in the right direction.

The question remains: has Britain moved far enough? Mr. George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, announcing the decision after a meeting in Downing Street, made clear that the four Hunt-class minesweepers (MCMs) would be dispatched to help the Royal Navy's Armilla patrol. He said that they would be sailing in response to a changed situation, following the discovery of a mine in the Gulf of Oman.

This is a plan in careful diplomatic wrapping. Are the MCMs to help US tankers and warships or are they merely there to boost the British patrols? Has the earlier reply to the American request been reversed or have we found a way to have it both ways — to help the Americans if necessary while being able to claim that we are only helping ourselves?

Until now the British Government took a sympathetic but otherwise detached view of the danger from mines facing American warships in the main Gulf War zone as they escort tankers to and from Kuwait. As the tiny Armilla patrol of two or three Royal Navy warships ventured no farther forward than Bahrain, it was argued that the new menace did not directly concern it. It was in the light of this argument that the Government last month rejected an American request to send MCMs to the Gulf to help the United States Navy.

But last night's announcement from the

Ministry of Defence still leaves open the question of what might be the British response to an appeal for help from other shipping in the Gulf. How might the four MCMs, the most sophisticated of their kind in the Royal Navy, respond if called upon to help US ships? Mr. Younger's statement left the inference to be drawn that their Gulf role would be limited. If so, then Britain will still be accused with justice of selling its ally short.

The US Administration has been under heavy criticism in Congress for its decision to allow eleven Kuwaiti tankers to be refuelled under the Stars and Stripes — and to provide these with US naval protection. A number of Congressmen feel, and rightly so, that the responsibility for keeping the Gulf waters open should be shared — and that countries such as Britain should play a part.

The Government's wish not to involve itself heavily in the Gulf is understandable. Britain has heavy Nato commitments, already spends a larger proportion of its GNP on defence than do most of its North Atlantic allies and has not the resources of a superpower like the USA. But to offer a minesweeping facility to the Americans is a gesture which could easily be made — and would do much to strengthen both the special relationship and the country's international reputation.

It would therefore be appropriate for the Government to make clear now to the White House that the facility which is being added to the Armilla patrol will be available to the US navy, if needed. It would be an important psychological gain for the White House. But should we fail to do so, the greater loss will be Britain's.

## GOOD NEWS FROM GUATEMALA

One peace plan does not necessarily end a war. But that produced for Central America through the initiative of President Oscar Arias of Costa Rica might just end two of them.

This may well sound unduly optimistic. The skeletal agreement, which was signed amid great excitement in Guatemala City last week, will need much more flesh on its bones before its chances of survival can be judged.

It has already been rejected by the Democratic Revolutionary Front — the insurgents who are fighting the US-backed government in El Salvador. The rebel Contras, who, with United States aid, are trying to unseat the Sandinista Marxist regime in Nicaragua, have given it a scathing reception.

Its proposals are, by no means, the first to emerge during more than ten years of political struggle and bloodshed in the region. It is not even the only plan in existence at this time.

The most famous peace initiative so far has been that known as the Contadora process (after the island where it was drawn up), which was pioneered five years ago by President Belisario Betancur of Colombia and the governments of Mexico, Panama and Venezuela. They produced a draft agreement which was at first accepted by the Sandinistas — but then collapsed after other countries in the region, including the United States, refused to accept it as it stood.

Contadora continued with strong support from Western Europe (among others) and produced yet more proposals. Its big attraction was that it represented an attempt to solve the region's problems by four of the region's own members. But it stalled again last year after failing once more to find a compromise peace package which would be acceptable to Managua on the one hand and its neighbours on the other.

Three years ago, the Mexicans also engineered the Maszantillo talks (christened thus after the Mexican town where they took place) between Nicaragua and the United States. At first the concept of direct negotiations looked promising. But these too ended amid mutual recriminations, each side accusing the other of not acting in good faith.

Then last week, some two days before the Arias deal was signed, President Reagan unveiled his own alternative. This called for an immediate ceasefire, the suspension of military aid to both the Sandinista government and the Contras and negotiations over free elections in Managua. Meanwhile Washington reserved the right to resume its aid to the Contras if no timetable had been agreed by the end of next month.

## THROUGH THE TRADE GAP

Although yesterday's trade figures were good enough to lighten further the worries in the City created by the Chancellor's one-point rise in interest rates, a closer look at the figures is not altogether reassuring. Imports fell back in June from the high levels of May, but the reduction was mainly in capital goods. Although imports of capital goods have risen faster over the past year than manufactured goods overall, there is no evidence in the latest month's figures that industry is busy re-equipping itself to improve competitiveness in the future. Imports of consumer goods by contrast continued to rise.

Such observations need to be made. They ought not, however, to allow the professional pessimists on the Opposition benches and the pessimistic professionals among the economics community to predict that the economy is heading towards the rocks in a classic balance of payments crisis. In the first half of this year the current account of the balance of payments was in surplus by £37 million. After a year in which the price of oil halved, knocking several billion pounds off the value of our oil exports, that is not a bad performance. As recently as the Budget the Treasury was forecasting a deficit of £2.5 billion on current account which is now likely to prove too pessimistic.

If one compares today's balance of payments with previous periods when the economy was expanding rapidly such as the early 1970s the likely deficit is much smaller proportionately. Earnings from oil are still substantial. But the

pattern of demand is also very different. In previous periods of expansion the demand in the UK has tended to be high at the same time as demand worldwide. Today the UK is growing faster than its longer term growth record while the rest of the world is growing considerably more slowly. This means there is an added incentive for foreign exporters to sell into one of the few markets in the developed world which is growing rapidly.

Certainly the trade figures provide no room for complacency. Imports are one important indicator of potential inflationary pressure in the economy and they are growing fast. Pay is continuing to rise at a rate which is likely to spell trouble, as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development pointed out last week. Tomorrow's figures for average earnings are awaited with some trepidation because of the threat to competitiveness. The Chancellor's decision to raise interest rates was clearly prudent.

It is a big jump from there, however, to believing that the later 1980s are going to be essentially the same as the later 1960s and early 1970s. Improvements in the underlying efficiency of the economy to supply the demands of consumers and investors are notoriously hard to measure. That does not mean that they do not exist. It is hard to believe that the rapid increase in productivity, the CBI's optimism and the weight of anecdotal evidence do not signify any improvement in the supply side of the economy.

## Delay in treating leukaemia

From Dr John Goldman and others

Sir, We read with interest the letter in your columns (August 10) drawing attention to the shortage of suitably trained nursing staff in the cardiac surgery unit at the Brompton Hospital in London. Sadly this shortage of nursing staff is not restricted to just one medical speciality.

We are responsible for the operation of one of the major centres in this country specialising in the use of bone-marrow transplantation to treat patients with leukaemia and aplastic anaemia. The unit has an important reputation internationally. The clinical unit incorporates 10 single-bed rooms with specialised equipment to protect patients from infection. For the present only four of these beds are available for patient care because the Hammersmith Hospital is unable to recruit nurses to staff the remainder.

As a consequence our waiting list for patients with leukaemia

and aplastic anaemia requiring treatment by bone-marrow transplant now extends to almost one year. This means, of course, that patients will die of their disease before their date for transplant is reached. The major reason for this shortage is the impossibility of living in London on a standard nursing salary.

We strongly support the plea made by Brompton Hospital group in favour of urgent action to improve the level of remuneration for highly qualified nurses working in specialised areas.

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN M. GOLDMAN,  
LUCIO LUZZATTO,  
JILL HOWS,  
DAVID GALTON,  
DANIEL CATOVSKY,  
University of London,  
Royal Postgraduate Medical School,  
MRC Leukaemia Unit,  
Department of Haematology,  
Hammersmith Hospital,  
Du Cane Road, W12,  
August 12.

## Fear for humanities

From Professor C. H. Lawrence

Sir, As much scientific research is capital-intensive, it would doubtless make good sense to concentrate it in a reduced number of selected institutions. What is worrying about the discussion of these proposals in your columns is that it appears to ignore the existence of the humanities.

What is to happen to, for instance, outstanding departments of history or classical archaeology or languages, which may contain international leaders in their fields, but find themselves in a university which, on account of its less distinguished science departments, is rated a second or third-level institution, suitable for teaching only?

Individuals may be able to

pursue their research and writing without impediment; but the loss of institutional status and the inability to get funding for research students will inexorably entail a rapid shrinkage in the number of able undergraduate applicants; and the ablest members of staff will quit or seek to move elsewhere.

A blanket grading of whole universities could thus destroy many centres of outstanding excellence in the arts, with catastrophic consequences for British scholarship. This can only be avoided if grading for research purposes is applied not to institutions but to subject areas within them.

Yours faithfully,  
C. H. LAWRENCE,  
11 Durham Road, SW20,  
August 7.

## Pub bomb cases

From Mr Christopher Price

Sir, Could I echo the plea of Mr Chris Mullin, MP, and Sir John Farr, MP (July 30) on the Birmingham explosives police enquiry. When the Home Office asked the late Detective Chief Superintendent Hensley to conduct a similar enquiry in 1974 into a possible miscarriage of justice in the Conflat murder case, I was interviewed by that officer as the MP who represented the three innocent young men involved.

Like the two MPs in the Birmingham explosives case, I formed the view that the principle prosecution of the police was to discredit evidence which might call police officers' behaviour into question — a view subsequently substantiated by events.

The Hensley enquiry decided that there was no need for further investigation; when the matter came before the Appeal Court, the three men had their convictions quashed. Even after the young men were freed, there followed a rear-guard action by senior officers of the Metropolitan Police who briefed counsel to seek to defend the behaviour of their officers at the subsequent enquiry by Sir Henry Fisher and consistently promoted the officer who had taken down the false confessions.

## 'Spycatcher' ruling

From Sir Henry Rowe, QC

Sir, Does not Sir Frederick Lawton (August 6) overlook the time factor? Even great chess players make unaccountable mistakes when in serious time trouble. Their lordships allowed themselves hardly any time to reach their decision.

We must await their reasons. But when they are published, perhaps they will explain why the supreme appellate tribunal could do what no court of first instance does: give a party more than he asked for.

Yours faithfully,  
H. P. ROWE,  
10 Paxton Gardens,  
Woking,  
Surrey,  
August 6.

## Bus delays

From Mr Brian L. de Robinson

Sir, Anne Sofer ("Hostages of the Hoppe", August 5) is right about two things. Buses do at times run late and a major contributory factor is often the density of road traffic.

However, her negative view of small buses in general and the C2 Camden Hoppe in particular is not universally shared. People like small buses, appreciating the better service which they can provide through increased frequency and their ability to travel on roads not open to larger vehicles.

Anne Sofer's own bus route has

been split because the longer route the greater the chance of delay from heavy traffic. But by buying a Travelcard she can not only avoid paying again when changing buses but can travel on the Underground as well for no additional cost. And London Regional Transport sets fares to cover costs after grants, not to drive passengers away. The result: last year passenger business rose 4.5 per cent.

Yours faithfully,  
B. L. de ROBINSON  
(Corporate Marketing Director),  
London Regional Transport,  
55 Broadway, SW1,  
August 11.

## Cigarettes and tax

From Mr A. D. C. Turner

Sir, The BMA calls (report, August 7) for a punitive tax increase on cigarettes. It is not the remit of any chancellor to impose fiscal punishment on a particular social lifestyle. Where would such a policy lead us — a huge tax increase on alcohol next? A sugar tax?

Consumers can these days "trade down" to any one of some 50 cheap brands of imported cigarettes, with English-sounding names, which flood in, mostly from West Germany. Selling at up to 30p less than UK domestically-manufactured cigarettes, these brands are without doubt costing us jobs.

Any increase in UK tobacco tax levels would merely exacerbate the trend, help German employment at our expense and do nothing to reduce the annual aggregate consumption of cigarettes in this country.

If the UK Government really intends to cooperate with the rest of the EEC in achieving any form of fiscal harmony by 1992, then to widen the present yawning gap in taxation levels between us and all but two of the members would be a particular folly.

Yours faithfully,  
A. D. C. TURNER (Director,  
Public Affairs),  
Tobacco Advisory Council,  
Glen House, Stag Place, SW1,  
August 7.

## Reassessment of the IQ man

From Professor Ronald Fletcher

Sir, Whilst grateful for Stuart Maclure's attention (feature, August 5) to my defence of Sir Cyril Burt in *The Sunday Telegraph* (August 2), may I none the less make the plea that this should not be identified with anything called "the new right" — my concern being only with the truth and justice of the matter.

Mr Maclure rightly distinguishes the ideological controversy (which will "run and run") from the question of Burt's alleged "fraud". On the latter, the testimony levelled against Burt is demonstrably every bit as scandalous as anything of which Burt stood accused, being deliberately distorted and misleading. The case decidedly remains wide open. But two related considerations are important.

Twin studies aside, Burt contributed earlier and later work of the greatest value (*The Backward Child*, *The Young Delinquent*, *The Gifted Child*, etc.), all of which suffered from the taint of the "fraud" allegations. This

surely calls, now, for renewed recognition as, in itself, it has never been in question. But a more crucial point lies in the significance of Burt's position for the nature of our educational system.

Burt's conception of "equality" in education was one of consideration, not of uniform treatment. It called for careful selection followed by appropriately differential treatment — whether in one school or many. Is it not this central and essential task which our politically despoiled educational system is signally failing to fulfil? And is not this the failure which is rendering it deeply unsatisfactory for individuals and society alike?

Whether one is "hereditarian" or "environmentalist", the task of educating the generation before us at any one time remains the same. The principle holds good, and is neither "right" nor "left" but a plain matter of both fact and justice alike, is it not timely, then, that it should now be reconsidered?

Yours etc,  
RONALD FLETCHER,  
Cranmere,  
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Reydon, Southwold, Suffolk,  
August 6.

## Coastguard ballot

From Lieutenant-Commander John A. Douglas, RN (ret'd)

Sir, I read with amazement and considerable concern that regular coastguards are considering the drastic step of withdrawing their services, albeit for 24 hours, as a result of the breakdown of pay negotiations. From my considerable experience of coastguards at all levels, including the coastguard auxiliary service, I am led to the conclusion that they must have been driven far beyond their normal limits of tolerance to even contemplate strike action.

The coastguard service is rather like an Army regiment in its loyalties and dedication to duty. There is no doubt whatsoever that the skills, expertise and responsibilities of individual coastguards have increased out of all recognition in normal years. Clearly this has not been properly recognised in terms of pay and proper levels of staffing in an emergency service providing 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week cover for search and rescue at sea.

The mind boggles at the thought of what might happen if cover were withdrawn in the Dover Strait and a Herald of Free Enterprise-type incident occurred.

The time has come for a fresh appraisal of the situation by those who are directly involved in the current dispute. I, for one, am confident that the service is as good as heart as it always was, but a new initiative and common-sense are badly needed now to prevent a disastrous loss of public confidence in a service whose importance is often gravely misunderstood.

Yours etc,  
JOHN DOUGLAS (former Chief Inspector, HM Coastguard),  
26 The Mount,  
Teignmouth, Devon,  
August 2.

## Broads priorities

From Mr Dominic Vlasto

Sir, Would that I were able to do anything but concur with the melancholy of the Director of the Norfolk Naturalists Trust (August 3).

The reality for even quite amateur conservationists is depressing. In the course of the last 20 or so years here I have watched helplessly as the water table has dropped by about 2-2½ ft due to too deep dredging of dykes and too vigorous pumping away of water.

Woodland and bracken are now advancing by several feet a year. Open sedge fen has all but gone, and with it the milk parsley which supports the swallowtail butterfly population, both of which were abundant as recently as my childhood. Last year my house practically gave way from under me — it too had hitherto been buoyantly supported by a high water table.

I can repair the house, but I cannot bring back the swallowtail. We have waited in the hope that the new Broads Authority would finally grant more proper representation to those here — animal as well as human — with no commercial stake. It appears that yet again these hopes are ill-founded, and that the unique habitat here will continue to be squeezed on all sides.

Perhaps I need to cultivate the "faith that moves waters".

Yours faithfully,  
DOMINIC VLASTO,  
Long Gores,  
Hickling, Norfolk,  
August 3.

## Clerical update

From the Rev Graham Cornock

Sir, With the coming of the ladies to the ranks of the clerical collared, I would suggest that the time has come for a clothing rethink.

The hope of God is declared to the world dressed in slippery plastic white over the miserable black of the Middle Ages.

Why we have to look so drab and unimaginative I do not know. After all, we aim to declare the glories of Him who made the world for our pleasure. We dress as if we are inviting people to come to a funeral.

May I, through your columns, invite clothes designers of imagination and joy to create something more suitable.

Yours faithfully,  
GRAHAM CORNOCK,  
41 Creek Road,  
Deptford, SE8.

## ON THIS DAY

AUGUST 12 1939

It took the reality of war in September to concentrate the people's minds on air-raid precautions. Within a year more than a million were engaged in passive defence.

## Lessons of the Black-out

It was announced beforehand that the first large-scale black-out to be tried in this country was mainly intended to enable the R.A.F. to report on the deficiencies of the measures taken to extinguish or obscure lighting which might be useful to a raiding air force. All that can be said after the experiment is that the reports are likely to be very bulky. Our Aeronautical Correspondent, who examined the whole scene from a magnificently navigated Wellington bomber, reports that he would not have had the slightest difficulty in detecting any target he had been asked to detect. In particular he states that he could fix with certainty two of the main line railway stations and with extreme probability all the others. There is good excuse for the railway companies, who had promised cooperation only to an extent which would not interfere with essential services. But what is to be said of the large motor factory near London which appeared never to have heard of the black-out; of the occasional motorists who travelled with headlights blazing as usual; and of the lighted windows which were still to be seen here and there in private houses?

Newbury had made a fair pretence of darkening itself. It was not enough to wipe it off the map, and the railway station with a line of signal lights beyond it gave us our guide on to the target on the racecourse. Then we turned for the rest of our trials. Motor-car headlights showed us the road to Reading. From Reading we could see the glow of London.

## BOTH SIDES OF RIVER

In a quarter of an hour the glow resolved itself into patches and strings of bright lights varied by areas of complete darkness where a whole borough had effaced itself or a park lay empty and black. One saw the strange sight of whole chimneys of lights snuffed out as though a huge blanket had been dropped on them. . . . Down the river we went. . . . and back we came to find London still plentifully sprinkled with lights. Up river we sailed as far as Chelsea. The lights were still there on both sides of the river — street lights where only half the lamps had been "doused", window lights glancing and unashamed, advertisement lights red and bright yellow, pools of diffused light through the glass roofs of stations, groups of strong lights in shunting yards, glare from a gasworks and rows of lighted windows at a motor-car factory.

## TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir, — As one who played a part, though a very small one, in last night's black-out, I would like to say how profoundly it moved at any rate one observer. London itself was beautiful in the silent hours of the very early morning, and in the moonlight great buildings towered in a splendour that fades away in the garish light of street lamps and electric signs. . . .

If the black-out was not, technically, a complete success, it was surely not the fault of the workers, nor can it have been due to any deliberate obstruction by the public. But absentmindedness there must have been. How can one account otherwise for the mellow light, from the basement of the War Office itself, that streamed vertically upwards into the potentially hostile sky? . . .

Your obedient servant,  
EDWARD BACH.  
Stone House,  
Bishopgate, E.C.2, Aug. 11.











## THE ARTS

## Losers all

**Viewpoint** (Central) is a three-part series on "the politics of aid", another name for the sad tendency of charity to ruin other peoples' homes. Last night *Banking on Disaster* reported on the despoliation of Amazonia, where for 10 years the Brazilian government has been encouraging internal migration in order to reduce social conflict.

The result has been to ship the social conflict up-river, with the new settlers wrecking the habitat of Indians and rubber-tappers alike. This chainsaw massacre has de-

## TELEVISION

ared vast swathes of rain-forest at a prodigious rate (in 1981 there was so much smoke from torched vegetation that all aircraft had to be grounded) and to no productive end: cash crops refuse to thrive in the feeble soil and the settlers periodically have to resettle elsewhere.

The image of Nature declining to cooperate with government policy turned this documentary into an ecological morality play, with Satan being played by the two American mega-banks whose tremendous loans have financed the roads that made the devastation possible. There was no shortage of dissenting voices: various glum boffins cried woe; while liberals in Washington DC waved placards; even Congress got cross.

Something must be terribly wrong when the surplus product of developed countries can be used to fund a madcap project which seems to benefit nobody except a few middle-men. That much was made abundantly clear. Where the programme failed its title was in passing up the opportunity to investigate the business reasons why the banks continue to pour good dollars after bad. The most alarming answer would be that lending on this scale is an addiction of much the same order as gambling.

Martin Cropper

It is Frederick Ashton's production of *Romeo and Juliet* which London Festival Ballet is dancing this week to complete its London season, having kicked off last month with the revival of Rudolf Nureyev's.

The difference between the two is summed up by the way they end. Nureyev shows the feuding families reconciled by their shared grief and adds an ironic touch with a glimpse of gamblers throwing dice — the gods perhaps playing with men's fate. Ashton is not interested in providing the tragedy with this social content. He concentrates on the love-story and ends with the dying Juliet dragging herself painfully across the floor so that she can collapse in the arms of her dead lover.

Both productions achieve excitingly what they set out to

## Impassioned topicality

## EDINBURGH FESTIVAL



## Juno and the Paycock

Lyceum

It seems long ago, but there was a time when O'Casey's play was viewed as a flawed masterpiece in which comedy of Shakespearean magnitude alternated with embarrassing lapses into maudlin sentimentality.

With the return of the Irish troubles and the spread of terrorism and its attendant martyrdoms through the world, nobody nowadays is disposed to yawn when Mrs Tancred interrupts the Boyles' party with lamentations over her slaughtered son. But I doubt whether there has been any version since the 1920s that brings the piece into such impassioned focus as this production from the Dublin Gate Theatre.

Before anyone has spoken a word, Frank Hallinan Flood's set gives you family background: shattered window-panes, walls decayed down to the laths, a holy picture. It could as easily be Beirut as Dublin.

These are the conditions in which Joxer and the Captain launch into their glorious comic duets: destitute clowns, spending words like millionaires. When the family come into their fairy gold, it all goes on fancy furnishings, leaving the structure still falling apart. Along with the setting goes the spectre of the mutilated Johnny. As Joe Savino plays him, his smashed hip and lost arm count for less than his terror of what is still to come.

All these people have been shaped by history; and what Joe Dowling's production

does is to show a particular group of marvellously evoked individuals embodying lines of behaviour that stretch back into the past. There are the realists, the activists and the myth-makers.

Much of the comedy derives from the contrast between Juno's tactics of day-to-day survival and the menfolk's withdrawal into vague dreams of grandeur. "Them things have nothing to do with us", snarls the Captain as a coffin passes by, putting up his fists to the terrified Johnny. Then, finally stumbling back to the abandoned house, he starts developing a fantasy of his own heroic contribution to the Easter Rising: creating a self-admiring myth from the circumstances that have just killed his son.

Perhaps because of the merciless clarity with which Dowling presents the whole picture, the comic scenes come over with tremendous impact. They gain partly from the fact that Geraldine Plunkett's Juno is a desperate home-builder, untouched by shrewdness or long-suffering self-righteousness (Miss Plunkett has to squelch some lines quite severely to achieve this). The absurdity of the Captain (Donald McCann) and Joxer (John Kavanagh) is thus intensified by their need to see her as a monster.

Their partnership is based on the Captain's blind self-admiration. He has to trust the flattering Joxer even though Mr Kavanagh's restless fingers are busy fidgeting cigarettes and bottles of stout under his very eyes.

Their scenes have been choreographed down to the last detail: you get the essence in the breakfast scene, with McCann putting his feet up and contentedly devouring a sausage, while Kavanagh sits crumpling bread with rat-like attentiveness, envying every morsel that goes into his patron's mouth.

Irving Wardle



Geraldine Plunkett's home-building Juno, on a set that could as easily be Beirut as Dublin

In retrospect it is easy to see why the Bolshoi Theatre Orchestra chose to romp through pre-revolutionary fare when it opened the Edinburgh Festival on Sunday. It emphasized the orchestra's tonal warmth, and diverted attention away from the sort of weaknesses which became more apparent in Monday night's Shostakovich and Prokofiev programmes.

There were unpromising signs — split notes in the fanfares, a furious haste which conveniently obscured detail — even amid the banalities of Shostakovich's Festival Overture. The work, while being by no means the most famous musical instance of socialist realism, is surely the poorest to win a place in the standard orchestral repertoire, and

## Bolshoi/Ermler

Usher Hall

Mark Ermler could be forgiven for having something less than insight on it. But he certainly should have offered a far more cogent account of Prokofiev's masterly Fifth Symphony than the unfocused run-through we heard here.

The reading never lacked weight — quite the opposite at the climaxes. If only some of that energy had gone into uncovering the scherzo's inner workings (nearly all obscured under gauche woodwind unisons) or into smartening up the articulation, correcting dubious wind tuning, or coaxing more bite from the strings. It was a surprisingly unam-

bitious effort for a conductor of Ermler's reputation.

Luckily, Shostakovich's First Cello Concerto brought better news: a young Russian soloist called Alexander Rudin, who played the allegros with great point and dexterity, and found a superbly veiled, vibrato-less tone for the lonely, dissonant elegy at the concerto's heart. There was too much introspection about his handling of the cadenza — it was almost like eavesdropping on a secret rite — and the playing was emotionally cool by the standards of Rostropovich, for example. But Rudin's thoughtful interpretation was welcome in the context of this concert.

Richard Morrison

## Enormously peculiar

## PROMENADE CONCERT

## BBCSO/Elder

Albert Hall/Radio 3

Even a truncated performance of Nicholas Maw's *Odyssey*, omitting the opening and an inner section, was mighty indicative of the piece's uniqueness. The emphasis that has been placed on its unprecedented length might seem comically simple-minded, but the vast extent of the music turns out to be crucial.

In the first place, *Odyssey* is an attempt to make happen what has never happened before: an unbroken span of complex orchestral music lasting, without voice or action, for an hour and a half. Even the 70-odd minutes we heard, including the whole final hour, was sufficient to establish the sense of being shown something quite untoward.

It is in its length, most manifestly, that the work raises the question of why it should be what it is, but the lack of a self-explanation is felt in other ways too. For instance, there is no descriptive content to which the music can be connected, nor really any formal model. The five movement-sections follow a pattern of introduction, initial argument, scherzo, slow movement and finale, but this quasi-symphonic framework is so distended that it ceases to hold the contents with any conviction.

There is, which may be a way of saying the same thing, a lack of symphonic urgency, at least until the finale, which at last moves with an end in view; and even here the thematic cross-references fun-

ction not so much to signal progress as to reassure us that we are indeed in the same work as an hour before. Another massively strange abnormality by which the piece refuses to account for itself is its freedom from direct evocations, which is especially curious when the language seems to ask for blithe appraisal as "late Romantic".

One might occasionally be reminded of early Bartók or of Tippett, but most of the music does not sound like anything else, nor does it avoid doing so by wilful eccentricity. It is as if the scale of the thing gives Maw access to Romantic gestures that can sound quite unusual because the context is so particular — even when those gestures include a long melody for cellos, or a horn tune over soft strings, or colossal climaxes for a large brass section.

Perhaps the difference is that, because the piece is far too long to be viewed as a whole, such gestures do not work as structural markers. And perhaps that is why their expressive force is oddly undirected, so that the music conjures no sensible human subject in which its emotions are happening: the composer is detached from events, but it seems only observing; and in that respect the work is very far from Romanticism.

It needs, though, passionate and strong-willed projection, which it received beyond measure from Mark Elder and the BBC Symphony, following their excellent accompaniment to Peter Donohoe's boldly upright, clear and authoritative account of Beethoven's *Cello Concerto*. Now one looks forward to the promised *Odyssey* complete.

Paul Griffiths

## OPERA

## Iphigenia

Elizabeth Hall

The purist will, of course, be scandalized that for this Opera Factory extravaganza for Summerscope David Freeman has taken two of Gluck's finest works, *Iphigenia in Aulis* and *Iphigenia in Tauris*, and has proceeded to cut out the ballet music as well as several arias and choruses deemed irrelevant. The effect is rather like removing the background from a picture, and the action we are left with tends to happen with a rapidity that destroys the elegant proportions of the original.

Classical ritualism is replaced by something distinctly up-front, all-action and contemporary: sacrilegious undoubtedly, but also stimulating and alive, particularly given the bold, animalistic acting style (much on all fours) that Freeman has instilled into his team of singers. It is wellnigh impossible not to feel involved with the emotional and physical wranglings and tangles, but one has to remember that this is not Gluck. For one thing, he would not have had the incognito Orestes set upon by naked demons intent on biting him where it hurts most.

The act of juxtaposing the two operas has given Freeman the opportunity to contrast as well as compare. There are the sets, for instance: a beach planted with shields and lances for *Aulis*, a den, oppressively enclosed by earthen ramparts, for *Tauris*. This effectively reflects the change in Iphigenia's psyche which occurs between the two operas. In her gripping portrayal of both Iphigenias, Marie Angel is as impassioned in voice (and it is a particularly



Passionate voice and action: Marie Angel as Iphigenia

beautiful one) as in action, the fear that shudders through her body when she approaches death at the hands of her father Agamemnon in *Aulis* as overpoweringly realistic as her ecstasy when she is released by Artemis from her torment in *Tauris*.

Tom McDonnell's singing is sometimes a little over-large and under-controlled in the complementary regal roles of Agamemnon and Ios, but he conveys his own agonies well, indulging as Agamemnon in a touch of what seems like masochism with the zealous help of Geoffrey Dolton as his aide Archas. Meanwhile Dolton, as Orestes, and Paul Harthy, as Pylades, convincingly portray a blatant homosexual friendship in *Tauris*, while Joseph Cornwell as Achilles and Wendy Verco as Clytemnestra offer support both touching and powerful in *Aulis*.

Brenton Langbein directs a small band, taken from the London Sinfonietta's ranks, from the violas — which, though it leads to some disagreements in ensemble, at least gives the playing a distinctly advantageous edge.

Stephen Pettitt

## Off with their heads

Coincidence and myth are the stuff of Russell Hoban's new novel *The Medusa Frequency*, published tomorrow: interview by Anne Billson

There is a long and honourable tradition of severed heads in literature. Iris Murdoch does not really count, but the classics are full of them. Russell Hoban thinks that "at some level in our psyche there is always an expectation of, and in interest in, severed heads". Expectations are amply fulfilled in his latest novel, *The Medusa Frequency*, in which the head of Orpheus, "eyeless and bloated... covered with green slime", plays an important role, popping up in such unlikely places as a fridge or an up-market Soho eatery to disconcert the book's narrator, Herman Orff.

Like Orff, Hoban lives close to the District Line, a short distance away from Stamford Bridge football ground. "In all of my contemporary novels, when there is any urban action, it's set in London." And, like Orff, he also writes on an Apple II in a user-friendly environment: a neat clutter of books and video tapes and a desk-top adorned with a brace of toy frogs and a small clockwork skull. *The Medusa Frequency* is the first of his books to be completed entirely by word processor. "It took me a while to get the clean page composition out of my system", the computer plays an integral part in the plot: not so much in a high-tech, sci-fi sort of way, but in other links with deeper levels of Orff's consciousness, much as the car radio transmits messages from the Underworld in Jean Cocteau's film *Orphée*.

A title such as *The Medusa Frequency*, one might think, could sit comfortably alongside the Ludlums on the airport bookstall. "The Cassandra Circuit", *The Clytemnestra Junction*, suggests Hoban. "It wasn't intentional, but I noticed it. And I thought that maybe people will buy it thinking it's some kind of thriller. But, unlike some of the writers of such shock-busters, Hoban really does dabble in myth. It is a fine line between the Underground and the Underworld, and Orff encounters such characters as Persephone and Hermes, though the latter is not so much "a bloke with winged sandals" as an idea which permeates the narrative.

"I think that myths are very practical", says Hoban. "I think that the drying-up of our myth-making facilities is giv-



Russell Hoban: "I think that myths are very practical"

ing us a lot of trouble in our everyday dealings. The practical aspect of a mythic point of view is that you can acknowledge mysteries and all kinds of things that aren't to be grasped or understood. And, by finding a name, by getting a handle on them taxonomically, you can bring them into your accounting for the phenomena that you encounter."

Such phenomena include coincidences and codes, with which Orff's life is packed full. Hoban has tremendous fun here, transcribing railway-carriage numbers into letters of the alphabet, or making convoluted puns out of characters' names. "I enjoy doing that, but I think also that it's something that crazy people do. I've heard of people who think that comic strips contain encoded messages for betting on horse-races. People who have difficulty understanding the meaning of a situation sometimes attribute meaning where it isn't. Having said that, I find that I myself am prone to attribute significance to everything. If I've picked one book rather than another or made some kind of a mistake, I always think it must mean something."

In a novel, of course, there is significance in everything. Orff finds all aspects of his life interlocking into seamless and meaningful montage. The man on the tube, the stranger in the pub, the passing drunk — they all turn out to be the same person ("There's really no need for a new actor each time", the character explains). The women in Orff's life

also blend together, along with the omnipresent *Portrait of a Girl* by Vermeer — the source image, with added serpents, for the book's dust-jacket design. "This is the first novel in which I have a go at getting to grips with the male/female situation", says Hoban.

Hoban tips his hat at Lewis Carroll with an advertising agency called Slithe & Tovey, while he also nods in the direction of another exponent of gobbledygook, H.P. Lovecraft, when Orff plugs into his Apple and comes up with the story of Narnavus the Tsurgh and his battle against the Deeply Bad Ones. "It was Lovecraft who tuned my ear into that particular kind of demonic sound." *Afficionados* of stories about the supernatural will also recognize a Coleridge quotation as the very same one that features in *Casting the Runes*: "I'm an M.R. James freak", Hoban admits.

In this universe of interlocking ideas it is only natural that readers should spot their own coincidences. The presence of Hermes in close proximity to a certain brand of after-shave, for instance, was never intended, Hoban says, as a reference to the Paris-based creators of Aramis and Amazon. Nor was the image of Orpheus's head, floating up-river, an allusion to the symbolist painting by Jean Delville. Readers may well attribute meaning where there is none intended, but it of such things that myths are made.

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## WEDNESDAY PAGE

# The society that wants to pump sex offenders full of drugs and cage them up is also the main cause of many people re-offending

The ever-growing controversy over sex offenders, which has taken up so many columns in newspapers over the past few years, is an argument that I feel is very one-sided. Possibly this is because offenders are afraid to say too much, in case the finger of society is pointed at them once more, after so many have suffered, along with their families, the hell of public scorn.

As an ex-offender I am acutely aware that the society that wants to cut off our testicles and to carve up our brains, to pump us full of drugs and keep us caged up like animals for life, is also the main cause of many people re-offending.

I recently appeared on the BBC Manchester television programme *Brass Tacks*. My reason for appearing was to attempt to let people see that sex offenders are human beings who require, and are forbidden, help to come to terms with their maladjustments.

I, for my first offence, was put in prison for three years. I am quite happy

to say I deserved this, if that is the law of the land. I do not condone sex offences against the young, but once I put my hands up and was sent "down", where was the help that I needed? I am intelligent enough to know that I had a problem, a bad one that had grown with me since my adolescence. When I actually asked for help in prison I was told it wasn't there for people like me. By this time I was in a very vulnerable situation, alone in a strange place, with no security and far too often no one to turn to for companionship and support. Is it surprising that the individual frequently re-offends?

On leaving prison, one year ago this month, it was agreed that I should move to a new city, the idea being that one can "start anew". I am not married and so was lucky that I did not have to consider the effect of such a move on a wife and family. I was placed in bed and breakfast accommodation (there are few purpose-built hostels for ex-offenders which will take ex-sex offenders), and told that, because of my crime, I was almost unemployable. Even if I was to get to the stage of "interview" I had, by law, to tell

a panel of strangers that I had been a sex offender and had been sent to prison. Irrespective of one's ability to actually perform the job, one is hardly likely to obtain the post. So, society places the former offender in a very vulnerable situation, alone in a strange place, with no security and far too often no one to turn to for companionship and support. Is it surprising that the individual frequently re-offends?

I know from personal experience that the released offender has to be strong. Amid the fears, loneliness and self-hate, he has to try and fight like hell to obtain any form of help. I knew that I needed psychotherapy — in fact a report to the court actually said as much.

Once out of prison I sought help, but no one seemed to know how, or whether, it was there to be had. My probation officer was extremely sympathetic but knew of no way of my obtaining help,

## FIRST PERSON

John Pinnock

other than to see my local GP. This I did, to be told that he did not hold out much hope for me. I felt I was wasting his time. After 10 months I found a GP who referred me to a psychotherapist who specializes in sex offenders, and for the past few months I have been receiving therapy. For the first time in my life I have come to terms with my sexual orientation and at last I am beginning to be able to face up to the person I hated most, me.

How many former offenders have my tenacity? How many have actually reached the stage of seeking help and have been set back by the lack of assistance, assistance that the society that hates and fears them will not offer?

Will my sexuality remain a problem? I actually asked my therapist that question, and the answer is that it could. I am aware that for the rest of my life, because of my predilection, I will have to remain

celibate, or risk mentally hurting another human being, or returning to prison. Self-control has to be self-imposed; sex offenders might find this easier if the prison system encompassed a learning process instead of simply locking them away, then throwing them out again even more mixed-up and angry than before.

Without the aid of psychotherapy I could never have been able to face reality or to see that there might be a life after the hell of realization. Then, and only then, can one start to build up self-esteem and begin to think about giving again to the society that wants you shut away and retarded.

Most offenders are already frightened by their needs and actions, but in the present climate, to whom can they turn? The sex offender is not able to "cry for help" without putting his head on the block and risking his profession, his family and his liberty. Doctors, social workers and probation officers are all obliged to inform the police, although whether they do so or not is up to them.

And in prison the offender is unlikely to find the help he needs.

So, lock them away for life? I have heard it said: it was said to me in a BBC hospital suite in Manchester. Drug treatment? It was never offered to me, and I thank God for that. The concept of a permanent state of drug dependency sends shivers through me. The average sex offender needs help, not killing.

If society requires its pound of flesh, help the offender to realize the seriousness of his actions. Assist him in discovering why he acts as he does. Allow him the right to come to terms with himself.

Most adults in this country know a child sex offender, whether they are conscious of it or not. And how many are hiding an offender because they are afraid of the law? Unless we are prepared to talk about this subject and seek a way of reducing the fear of prison as an antidote, we are going to get the sex offenders we deserve.

## Forsaking all others?

Why has fidelity become an unsuitable subject for discussion?

Earlier this year, the Institute of Marital Studies came up with what it believed was a good idea. It was based on the observation that, before the advent of Aids, unfaithfulness could be accommodated in some marriages, and could even contribute to their equilibrium. Now people were fearful of new sexual encounters, and were looking for ways to curb their infidelities. The Institute hit on the idea of putting on a course, advertising it nationally to help them do it, and then waiting for the floodgates to open.

Only 26 people responded, and only one sent in the £25 to cover the six evening meetings. Further publicity through 44 health centres and an alternative office of Saturday sessions, brought in, further responses. The course might have been opened by the project, but the public remained noticeably unmoved.

Past Pengelly, one of the marital therapists who devised the course, is still pondering why. He sent questionnaires to the 26 respondents in the hope of finding some answers, but the five who replied gave few clues. Two mentioned cost and time. Both had been attracted to the course for specific reasons: one was "checking the will-power to be faithful to my wife and therefore save the marriage", while the other wanted to understand the behaviour of her "philandering" husband.

Only one person agreed that Aids had contributed to his interest. He was the only respondent to send in his fee, and though his current faithful relationship dated from before the main publicity campaign on the disease, he had discussed the subject with past and present partners.

Establishments such as the IMS like to see themselves as being sensitive to personal issues and in touch with

public attitudes. So where did they go wrong?

Pengelly is convinced that there is a swing towards the conservation of marriage. Not only is the fast-track having to cope with a waiting list for the first time in years, but the National Marriage Guidance Council is seeing more couples anxious to save their marriages.

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The alternative was to find a middle ground between those retreating behind Victorian values and anti-sex educators who reject the implications of Aids in personal relationships.

What, for instance, happens to the marriage where one partner's infidelity has been tacitly accepted but never referred to? How is a partner who indulged in occasional infidelity going to adjust to new restraints? Why is staying faithful, or even the idea of it, a great strain for some people?

But exploring these questions among a group of strangers is a tall order. "It is understandable that people should be reluctant to confront their own feelings on the taboo areas of sex, disease and death," Pengelly says, putting it mildly.

Perhaps the only answer is for Pengelly to find some fellow marital therapists and invite them to be the clients on his course.

Helen Franks

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Susan Forbes is the first airwoman to win the Queen's Medal — but are her wings clipped?

Tops in swimming, tops in hockey and lacrosse, tops, even, in engineering: if ever a girl was made to come first, she is Susan Elizabeth Forbes, the wholesome embodiment of the competitive spirit.

Last month she became, at 23, the first woman officer ever to win the 35-year-old Queen's Medal Award, given to the Royal Air Force's most outstanding cadet. It was a tribute to her peerless performance on the officer training course at Cranwell RAF college.

Few would disagree with the Duchess of Kent, who presented the medal, that Forbes' achievement in beating around 1,000 potential rivals, most of them men, was "marvellous, really marvellous". For the modestly ecstatic Forbes, the medal is still further proof that there is no sexism left in the airforce. "I chose the RAF because it always seemed very fair towards females," she says. "A female can be posted for most jobs just as happily as a male."

Of course, she says, women are still not allowed certain jobs in the force — as pilots, navigators, or regimental officers — "because they're front-line" — but she is not the sort to complain about a regulation. "I would say that there are very good reasons why women are not allowed to fly aeroplanes," she says, beaming with the good sense of it



Doing her duty: Susan Forbes, in charge of communications at the RAF base at Brize Norton in Oxfordshire

all. "It costs millions to train a pilot, and women can leave at any time if they get married or get pregnant — it's just not financially viable."

True, she is not about to do either of these things, and she would love to have trained as a pilot, but she is a tribute to her training course — she has not a word of criticism for the system which made her. The reluctance of the armed forces to place women in the front line impresses her as a nice piece of courtesy from men who think that the battle-ground is no place for a women, or "females" as they

are known at the Brize Norton airbase outside Oxford, where she is Officer Commanding Ground Radio Flight, in charge of all the radar, telephone and radio on the base, and of the 50 staff who maintain and operate communications.

She is fully aware that she would be involved in killing people, albeit at a seemingly distance, but this appeals to her sense of duty. "Of course, it would be very nice if we all loved each other," she says, patiently, "but that's not going to hap-

pen. I feel that the defence of this nation is important, and I'd rather be helping with it than shirking it."

Ancient, unfashionable words like "shirking", "discipline", and "duty" flow from Forbes' lips, her freckled, unmade-up face recalling an RAF did little but push things around on maps, and wave at departing bombers. The daughter of a successful Wirral businessman, she is the kind of girl whose most extraordinary feature is that she never joined the girl guides, but who asked to be sent away to

boarding school. "I was really keen on the idea," she remembers. "There are a lot of rules associated with boarding schools, but it's part of the discipline."

At Malvern College for Girls she liked sport. Which sport? She smiles brightly. "Athletics, cross country running, swimming, squash, tennis, rounders, netball, hockey, lacrosse, basketball..." She played hockey and swam for her county, and picked up a gold Duke of Edinburgh award from Buckingham Palace.

"I thoroughly enjoyed it,"

she volunteers, speaking as if she were addressing a group of keen Fourth Formers. "It's not about excellence. It's about participation."

She wondered whether the RAF might offer a chance to carry on being sporting and shouldering responsibilities, but picked up an industrial scholarship instead, taking a first-class degree in electronic engineering at Warwick University. After six months designing aircraft instruments she concluded that the job was predictable — "although absolutely fascinating" — and walked into an RAF careers office.

As one of 94 officer cadets, 17 of them females, Susan rose at around 5.15am, so as to get her light-bulb and hot water pipes well-dusted before a day of leadership games, exams, camps, and continuous assessment. "It's military discipline," she says of the idiot tasks and endless drilling. "I think it's a good way to start, actually. If you are the kind of person who wants to join the forces, then you accept that kind of discipline."

As a woman cadet she remembers neither special treatment nor special hostility — "you run together and you drop together". But as her teachers handed her one special responsibility after another — from camp commandant to flight commander — she admits there was occasionally something she calls "friction". You are not the most popular person, you've got to push your weight a fair amount — but it's a position you are given and therefore obviously you should do it to the best of your ability.

Catherine Bennett

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**Stressing pressures**

London pioneers City Health Care are teaching executives techniques on how to forestall post "Big Bang" stress, which can lead to burn-out and even total physical collapse. And although their health-screening programme sees seven times as many men as women, "those women we see have often encountered extra pressures in their drive to reach the top", director Malcolm Emery says.

"Women also suffer because they don't have the traditional watering holes to retreat to and relax after a long day." Women dealers receive a full medical assessment (including mammograph and cervical smear). Doctors will also suggest stress-management techniques... such as taking a more relaxed attitude to work, and learning to delegate.

It has also been noted that in both sexes, people who beat the hell out of a squash ball or do some other sport regularly show far fewer symptoms of "City angst".

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**Dream jobs**  
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"There is a misapprehension that women describing sex is attractive. It isn't. The sexually-explicit blockbuster phenomenon is to do with money, not literature." — Anita Brookner, novelist

**Peace together**

Now that longer courtships are enjoying a revival, are couples turning to the old-fashioned pursuit of jigsaws? Carolyn Beves, who has run the British Jigsaw Library for 17 years, says that membership has increased to a record 400. She offers a selection of 4,000 infuriating puzzles, teasingly boxed with no picture.

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# Leather group expands with £20m acquisition

By Ray Heath

Strom & Fisher (Holdings), the leather group, has bounced back from its disappointment at having its bid for Garnier Booth referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. It has bought from Union International its British Gornshall group and 50 per cent holding in New Zealand Light Leathers.

Strom is paying £20 million in cash for Gornshall, and will be partly financing the deal through a £10.25 million rights issue.

Gornshall is a specialist in treating lamb skins, and Mr Richard Strong, managing director of Strom & Fisher, said yesterday that the deal completed an important part of the company's corporate plan by strengthening its supply and production base.

It is already the world's leading supplier of high-quality leathers to the fashion trade, and exports about 90 per cent of its output.

Mr Strong said yesterday he anticipated no problem through referral to the Monopolies Commission this time.

"We have spoken to the Office of Fair Trading, and I am sure that they are now well versed in the realities of the UK leather industry, which they were not before," he said.

Strong's £20 million takeover bid for Garnier Booth was referred to the Monopolies Commission in November last year, and in February the company dropped its offer, switching to the



Richard Strong, Strom & Fisher managing director, with an example of N Zealand leather

purchase of two private companies instead. The failure to buy Garnier Booth, in which it still holds a 17 per cent stake, did nothing to slow Strong's profit growth. In the year to end-June, the company expects to have increased profits by 35 per cent to £6 million, and is to pay a final dividend of not less than 7p, making a total of 10.5p.

will give the group added exposure to the fast-growing Pacific Basin region.

Despite last week's slump in stock market prices, Mr Strong said yesterday the company had no difficulty in underwriting the rights issue. Shareholders are offered one share for every four held at 27.5p, against a market price yesterday of 30.4p, up 1p.

The 50 per cent stake in New Zealand Light Leathers

## Two buys for Evode

Evode Group, the former glue business now involved in specialty chemicals and plastics, is asking shareholders for £12.2 million to enable it to go on the takeover trail.

Evode is making two acquisitions: Sterling Technology, which it is buying from Reichhold Inc of the US for £5.6 million, and Commercial Ignition, which it is taking over in a £2.7 million deal.

Sterling, which makes electrical insulating products and industrial paints and coatings, is based at Trafford Park, Manchester, and made last year profits of £750,000 on sales of £4.6 million.

Commercial Ignition supplies a range of electronic and electrical components to the automotive after-market and last year made pre-tax profits of £234,000 on sales of £3.1 million.

Evode is raising £12.2 million from shareholders by the issue of 7.1 million new shares at 171p a share.

## West Midlands unite in bid to regenerate local industry

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

An action plan aimed at a regeneration of the West Midlands economy, with its heavy reliance on traditional manufacturing, is expected to be launched next month.

The plan follows a study which recommends the creation of a "West Midlands United" to tackle the problem.

The new body has been preferred because, as it is private sector-led, it is estimated to cost just £1.5 million a year, of which only a quarter would probably be called for from public funds.

The creation of a West Midlands Development Authority, as a regional agency to the public sector-led, could be expected to cost £20 million a year.

The Birmingham Employers' Forum, a broadly-based body made up of senior industrialists, public-sector

leaders and academics, commissioned the study from the Price Waterhouse consultancy. It also had the backing of Business in the Community, the national body for encouraging community economic action.

The forum took action after a severe decline in the competitiveness of the West Midlands. The study points out that the region has a narrow economic base that is mainly in sectors of low or static growth which face increasing overseas competition. Some areas have evidence of "severe decline and deterioration, especially in the inner cities".

Problems singled out include:

- The region is 73 per cent dependent in manufacturing employment on vehicle and metal manufacture, metal goods and mechanical and

electrical engineering, all industries hard hit since the late 1970s;

- Unemployment averages 15.4 per cent, although it is down from its 1983 peak of 16.4 per cent;

- Capital investment is at an historically low level, 82 per cent of the national average;

- The region lacks a good image or even an identity;

- There is an absence of long-term regional strategy.

What is called for is diversification of the regional economic base into higher-growth sectors, either by technological improvements in existing products or building in new capabilities.

\*Preliminary Study for an Economic Recovery Programme for the West Midlands by Price Waterhouse for Birmingham Employers Forum.

## The City 'need not fear EEC'

From Our Correspondent Brussels

The City of London has nothing to fear from a statutory control body governing takeover bids or from a mandatory European takeover code, European Economic Community sources argued yesterday.

A statutory EEC code could be as flexible as the City's voluntary code of conduct, while a statutory body could act as fast and efficiently as the self-regulatory British Panel on Takeovers and Mergers.

The assurance came in defence of preliminary European Commission plans for a legally binding EEC-wide code of practice, which have aroused British hostility.

The European Commission argues that the legally binding controls in France work along similar lines to the self-regulatory British system. They said France's statutory body acts with the same speed and flexibility as the British panel when coping with an illegal dawn raid. While a judicial review may be called for under the French system, it can be completed in three days.

The EEC sees legal controls on takeovers as a necessary counterpart to the increasing freedom of movement of capital between member nations. And officials believe the need for EEC-wide action is getting more urgent as the trend towards international takeovers gathers pace.

Sources in Brussels said the EEC will not call on all governments to enact exactly similar takeover laws, and will not propose setting up an EEC bureaucracy to oversee control activities. But it will demand that national takeover codes be backed by laws that meet minimum requirements designed to safeguard the interests of the shareholder.

In addition, the laws could offer some protection for the target company, and provide a brake on speculative bids. For instance, all offers would have to be public, disclosing the name of the target company, numbers of shares and the way they are valued.

Beyond these minima, individual governments could go further, giving control bodies the right, if necessary, to grant exemptions or take tougher measures.

But there must be no exceptions to the basic rules for control.

Officials hope to present detailed and formal proposals before the end of the year.

## COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

# Trade figures give gin and tonic to markets

If Monday's producer prices for July made rather better reading than pessimists feared and yesterday's (strike-delayed) June balance of payments figures were in line with sober City forecasts, do tomorrow's average earnings figures and Friday's retail price index hold any threat for a market that has recovered its composure in two trading days? And if not, why did the Chancellor of the Exchequer, abetted by the Bank of England, force base rates higher last Thursday and send share prices reeling?

The June trade figures, after May's shattering performance, were always going to be the real test for a market destabilised by 10 per cent base rates. Although the deficit in visible trade remains high (£768 million) and does not reflect well on manufacturing, bearing in mind price advantages conferred by a devalued pound, the £168 million deficit on current account (allowing for the pro forma £600 million surplus on invisibles) seemed a positive triumph of British ingenuity after a deficit of £527 million. May's outturn is now dubbed a freak and the g and t's are again going down a treat.

So if the balance of payments is back on a satisfactory course: July's seasonally adjusted, year-on-year rise in industry's input prices (8.3 per cent) was "exceptional", average earnings are not rising at the predicted 8 per cent plus; and an RPI of 4.5 per cent is a poor guide to the trend of inflation, why last week's sledgehammer treatment?

Probably because the Chancellor is looking further ahead than the stock market. As we are frequently reminded by officialdom, one month's figures are an imperfect guide to anything and it is worth remembering that the Chancellor's Budget forecast for the balance of payments this year was a deficit of £2.5 billion. The first six months has yielded a tiny surplus of £37 million, so unless the forecast has been radically revised, the monthly deficit from July on may be expected to average about £400 million a month. In the second place, interest rates in West Germany and Japan are rising and it would not do for us to get out of line.

On yesterday's evidence, when the FT-SE 100 share index rose 33.2 (it dropped 145 in last week's mayhem), the equity market has decided the worst is over. Reactions of the kind we have seen in recent days support the view expressed here on Saturday that London, like other major markets, may be becoming a market where instant and violent corrections are the pattern. It would be foolish to imagine that bear markets, any more than bull markets, are things of the past; but rapid adjustments to what are suddenly perceived to be more realistic price levels could postpone if not forestall a major shift to a long declining phase.

The more interesting responses yes-

terday were in the gilt-edged market. After behaving in the morning, if you will pardon the technical jargon, like a whore's drawers, dealers decided they had seen the worst and began moving firmly toward levels prevailing before the base rate rise. But be warned: a market in which prices are rising at the same time as short-term interest rates are rising is a dangerous place.

## Power politics

The Swedes, like the Dutch, have a good record in cross-border, cross-language mergers and takeovers. The get-together of Asea and Brown Boveri to form Europe's biggest heavy electrical group, while still problematical, therefore stands a better chance of success than, say, Anglo-Italian or Franco-German mergers. It also provides a more powerful worldwide competitor in both the over-supplied power station business and the growing electric railway market. Who knows what might have happened if the Germans had not been so sniffy about Lord Weinstock's attempt to pick up the ailing AEG a few years ago; or if Lord Weinstock had been more persistent and thick-skinned?

As it is, GEC, though less directly affected than Siemens, is no longer in the same league as Siemens, Hitachi, American General Electric or the new combination. GEC is well aware of the problem. It once aimed to build a world presence in nuclear power by obtaining a British monopoly but fell foul of industry-Whitehall politics. After the AEG disappointment, it tried to redress a similar fall down the international league, by taking over Plessey, only to be thwarted this time by the Ministry of Defence.

But GEC has now adapted. Its new strategy is to graft a string of relatively small acquisitions on to existing minor businesses in order to build up an international presence in much smaller market segments. This represents a more active, safer, but ultimately less ambitious approach.

The global competition card is now being played — with less genuine conviction — by Lord King in his attempt to take out British Caledonian. The Government can hardly fail to understand the central issue of competition versus power in world markets, given the striking example of France, which has come from nowhere to a leading role in anything from civil aircraft to nuclear power by government promotion of domestic monopoly groups with international ambitions. It seems more likely that Whitehall has opted for a Hanson-style medium-technology competitive future, with British industry shrinking to a rather small and insignificant world role. Recent decisions on space certainly point in that direction.

## Hestair spends \$20m in US expansion

By Joe Joseph

Hestair is broadening its range of temporary employment agencies in the US with the purchase of Aubrey Thomas of New York and Kelly Assisted Living Services of Massachusetts. Together they cost about \$20 million (£12.8 million).

These latest additions to Hestair's growing personnel services business across America will accelerate the company's progress from an industrial holding company, dependent on engineering, to a group which now reaps the

lion's share of its sales from its services and consumer products division.

In April, Hestair paid \$16.4 million for three US employment bureaux — Talent Tree, First Temporary and Team Services. Last month, it fished out its US empire by buying Secretaries, a leading Chicago-based employment agency.

Hestair's US employment agency activity now commands annual sales of more than \$150 million, drawn from 85 wholly-owned branches.

But it has further ambitions for the lucrative and expanding American market.

Hestair wants to mould its interests into a coherent US group, with a single name and trading style. It also plans to open new branches where it is presently unrepresented.

Aubrey Thomas, a temporary employment agency operating in New York City, Long Island, Connecticut and New Jersey, has sales of \$31 million a year from its 12 locations. Hestair plans to

extend the company's interests north and south along the eastern seaboard. The \$17.49 million purchase price is being met through the issue of 3.48 million new Hestair shares.

Hestair is paying \$2.3 million in cash on a deferred basis for Kelly, whose businesses will complement those carried out by Massachusetts Paramedical, part of Hestair's US subsidiary, Ward Management. Hestair is paying a further \$600,000 to fund receivables.

## Olivier's good luck charm

It is heartening to discover that despite the traumas of the Guinness scandal, Olivier Roux, the Bain & Co management consultant who was effectively the drink company's finance director, has kept his sense of humour. Roux, a 36-year-old Frenchman, has joined forces with two other ex-Bain executives, Richard Grogan, aged 37, and American David Hoare, who is 33. The three have bought an off-the-shelf company, Effortant, changed its name to Tallman Management, and are now looking for private or public acquisitions into which they can inject their not inconsiderable management skills. "We particularly liked the name Tallman — it is a small dist which protects you from evil and we considered it quite appropriate," explains a tongue-in-cheek Roux with a wry smile. Until the Guinness saga is finally buried, Roux says he will continue to work behind the scenes for Grogan and Hoare — "they are close friends as well as close business associates" — on an "informal" basis. "They have been meeting a lot of people in the City who might be looking for a 'buy-in' team and I have been helping them with their research, going through companies sector by sector," says Roux, adding that they would be particularly interested in anything in the manufacturing, retailing or distribution sector.

## THE TIMES CITY DIARY

### City security blanket

Proof of those enormous salaries earned by post-Big Bang City slickers. Hot from the presses, the annual report of securities house Smith New Court reveals that nine of its UK directors and senior employees now earn more than £205,000 a year — as opposed to some last year. No doubt to maintain the differentials, the company's cigar-smoking chairman, Tony Lewis, received "emoluments" of £287,000, excluding pension contributions, an increase of £74,000 on the previous year. The report also reveals SNC spent an additional £720,000 on residential property as part of its scheme "to assist senior employees with house purchases". And, for the first time, the price it paid for stockbroker Scott Goff Layton is made known — £3.9 million.

### Last orders

Mixed emotions for the Brits in Hollywood at the end of this month when they witness the closure and then demolition of the oldest and best known British pub in town — the Cock'n Bull on Sunset



"Sell shipping shares — buy mining shares"

Strip — to make way for the expansion of a neighbouring car showroom selling Jaguar cars. Run by John Morgan, whose father opened the pub in 1937, the Cock'n Bull was made famous by the patronage of British stars like David Niven in the 1940s. It is also reputed to have been there when the Moscow Mule — a vodka and ginger beer cocktail — was invented. Memorabilia from the pub will be sold off at an invitation-only sale in September.

• Looking for an exotic holiday home with a difference? Over-sized actor Marlon Brando has decided to sell off leasehold building plots on the South Pacific island of Tetiarua, which he bought in 1962 after filming part of *Marino* on the Bounty there. But they won't come cheap. The minimum price is \$1.5 million for lease of up to 75 years plus a monthly rent of \$4,000 on top.

## Production line grouse

The Glorious Twelfth today marks the start of the grouse season and up in County Durham they are clearly hoping that it will become big business. A local landowner, with the unlikely name of Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid, the son of the Prince of Dubai, has invested in a £45,000 grouse-processing line for his Balthouse Estate in Teesdale — adjacent to the estate where Lord Whitelaw accidentally shot both industrialist Sir Joseph Nickerson and his loader back in 1984 during a day-long grouse shoot. The idea is that the Sheikh's guests will be able to take their grouse away with them, ready processed for cooking. Using the new machine, specially trained staff will chill the birds to remove body heat at five times the normal rate, allowing them to be plucked immediately without causing any damage. However, whilst the Sheikh's shoots will be strictly for invitation guests only, elsewhere in Britain it seems that the cost of maintaining grouse moors is now so prohibitive that landowners are forced to let them out for much of the season — which runs until December 10 — to rich Americans and the new, young rich in the City. The cost works out at at least £15 for each bird shot.

• The most sought-after employees in the City are, apparently, now known as Classys — computer literate and settlement services yuppies.

Carol Leonard

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12	System Designers	Electronics	
13	P-E International	Electronics	
14	Buckley	Breweries	
15	Bank Of Ireland	Banks/Discount	
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17	Reddington	Breweries	
18	Chloride	Electronics	
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20	Hickling Peacock	Textiles	
21	Fish Lovell	Food	
22	Net Area Bt	Banks/Discount	
23	REA Co	Banks/Discount	
24	Benall (CD)	Motor/Aircraft	
25	Office Elect Mach	Industrial L-R	
26	Hampson Ind	Industrial L-R	
27	Higgs & Hill	Building/Roads	
28	Wintrest	Banks/Discount	
29	Harrison Ind	Building/Roads	
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32	Highland Dist	Breweries	
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34	EMAP	Newspapers/Pub	
35	Moson Motor	Motor/Aircraft	
36	Unilever (NV)	Industrial S-Z	
37	Belhaven	Breweries	
38	Kwik-Fit	Motor/Aircraft	
39	Sarratt Devs	Building/Roads	
40	Wagon Ind	Industrial S-Z	
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So I found it more than usually irritating when Brian Davis, in last week's *Opinion*, sneered at our reputation for enjoying the best television in the world.

Perhaps it is not surprising that, in common with many broadcasters, I believe that we are fortunate in this country with the service we get from the four channels available to us. Most media experts agree. There is evidence to back this view.

For example, the highly-reputable audience measurement company, AGB, recently published *A Tale of Four Cities*. It compared television viewing in cities in Britain, America, Hong Kong and the Philippines. Despite the far greater number of channels and transmission hours in a city like Boston, Mass., individual viewing hours were greater in Britain. This suggests at least a considerable degree of satisfaction with what is on offer here.

"The range of programming available to all the population in the United Kingdom through the two BBC channels and the two ITV channels is among the most extensive throughout the world," I quote from the major research document prepared for the Peacock Committee, a document which received far too little publicity.

The authors, Professor Jay Blumler and T.J. Nossiter, concluded that it is "highly probable that the range of choice on any day in the United Kingdom is greater than in most other countries, including the United States".

In the United States, there is, of course, a wider choice.

## OPINION

Paul Fox

The other day in New York, I faced 48 screens and I could not find one which I really wanted to watch. Despite the proliferation of channels, the bulk of viewing still centres on the three major networks, ABC, CBS and NBC.

When it comes to repeats, which Mr Davis dismisses so crossly, most of primetime — 8pm to 11pm — is given over to repeats in the summer.

I went to New York to attend a special showing of the Yorkshire Television documentary *The Falklands War: The Untold Story*. It was given an enthusiastic welcome because it stood out like a beacon: the single documentary is almost a forgotten species on American network television.

What has happened in Italy underlines the effect of a complete deregulation of broadcasting channels. Of course, it wasn't marvellous when state-owned RAI had the monopoly. But no one can pretend that the Italian viewer is better off than his British counterpart, despite the recent proliferation of channels.

As for France, the three Government-controlled channels provided little satisfaction and raised a lot of criticism because of considerable political involvement. When Chirac's Government sold off one of the state-run channels and set up three new private ones, there were hopes for higher standards.

In fact, there is as much political manoeuvring as ever and while it is still too early to draw any conclusions, it is unlikely that the new programmes will be markedly different or more acceptable than those provided by the old system.

Finally, West Germany. Like Mr Davis, I picked a typical weekday and, with the

best will in the world, I couldn't get very excited by what was on offer on the three available channels — one of them a regional channel. German television is obsessed with political programmes and interminable quiz shows. I doubt whether many Germans would claim they were better served than their British neighbours.

There are more important issues at stake than Mr Davis's ill-informed comments about the ITV summer schedule. I accept that he doesn't like it, but he really must not say that only *Coronation Street* appears regularly in the top ten programmes. In the week ending July 26, the latest figures available, ITV had seven programmes in the top ten, including two factual programmes, a new drama serial and a new comedy series.

This is not to say that all is perfect in the television world: we've had our wobbly weeks, but the recovery is under way. And if, as I believe, we have a season of good programmes ahead of us, please remember the programme makers.

Programmes are not made by television executives, they are made by a combination of talents: writers, performers, directors, producers, cameramen, editors and all of them have to be on song for programmes to work. The creative community in this country is remarkable for its inventiveness and television is still fortunate in attracting the best talent.

We are fortunate, too, with our viewers: our programmes still mean a lot to them. The other week, we showed a local Yorkshire documentary about a children's hospice.

The calls, the letters and the donations we received as a result of that programme underlined to me how much the public values its television service. There are many times when it enriches all our lives.

Paul Fox is Managing Director of Yorkshire Television.

As the second new contender enters a fierce women's magazine war today, David Housham looks at its winning formula

One of the first English words that German publishing executive, Rolf Paltzer, learned on arriving in Britain last year was "daft".

This, he says, was the general opinion here of the plan by his company, Gruner & Jahr, to add a new monthly women's magazine to the overflowing racks of the nation's newsagents, especially when he talked of a circulation target of one million.

It has taken less than a year for the sneer to fall from the face of the British magazine publishing industry as G&J's title, *Prima*, has already reached that target, contravening most current editorial and publishing trends.

So the launch today of G&J's second British title, *Best*, is being taken very seriously, especially at IPC. *Best* is an audacious venture into the women's weekly magazine market which has been dominated for many years by IPC's Big Four — *Woman*, *Woman's Own*, *Woman's Realm* and *Woman's Weekly*.

Despite a competitive cover price of 35p, Paltzer stresses that G&J is not out to carve up IPC's market share with *Best*, but hopes that it will emulate *Prima*'s circulation performance, half of which comprises new readers. "Our interest is to expand the market."

*Best*'s editor-in-chief is Iris Burton, who left IPC where she was editor of *Woman's Own* and then moved to G&J to oversee the launch of *Prima*. Both German magazines are distinctive in having pages crammed with ideas for improving your home, cooking, wardrobe, health, etc. And both stick very closely to the formulae of their sister titles in other countries.

*Prima* was first launched in France and then Germany before arriving here. The concept for *Best* was tested in France in 1984 where as *Femme Actuelle* it has become the country's most popular women's magazine, selling two million copies a week and read by one in four French women.



Rolf Paltzer

British publishers were doubtful, but he has already achieved his one million circulation target with *Prima*.

The first off-shoot of *Femme Actuelle* was *Mia*, launched in Spain last year and selling around 200,000 copies a week.

Paltzer compares *Femme Actuelle*, *Mia* and *Best* to show that they share the same concept. "Something to look at" (a fashion spread) is followed

by "something to read" (a spread of short news items), then "something to do" (a crossword), and so on.

There are none of the Royal revelations or soap star sob stories that fill our home-grown magazines. "Practical advice and gossip don't mix," he says with unexpected severity.

## BRITAIN: THE SOFT TARGET

When European publishers have cast a commercial eye at Britain in the past, they have been frightened off by the Fleet Street barons. But now, constrained by their cut-throat markets at home, they see Britain's magazine markets, run by torpid moonlights, as easy targets.

Another German publisher, Bauer, intends to launch *Bella* — a version of its US magazine, *Woman's World*. A British "sister" to the Spanish

women's weekly, *Bella*, is planned for next February and Germany's Verlag Aenne Burde may introduce a UK version of its monthly, *Verena*.

Another growing trend is likely to be link-ups between British and foreign publishers. Like Germany's Axel Springer with Independent Television Publications to produce *Chat*, and Hachette's co-venture with News International to produce the British *Elle* and *Sky* magazines.

ity. "People interested in gossip are always off in dreamland. People looking for information have a limited amount of time and they want the maximum of information in that time. Our objective is to produce well-printed value-for-money packages. Magazines are becoming like television; you get zapped if the reader doesn't react to something on every page."

In both planning a launch and monitoring reader response to their magazines, G&J make great use of "focus groups" for research. Some people accuse them of over-testing and treating magazines like new brands of soap powder, admits Paltzer.

He explains how G&J operate, the mix of methodical and bold behaviour, with an effusive logic that makes its rapid international empire building seem unsurprising in its simplicity.

The German Gruner printing business and the Jahr family publishing house amalgamated at the end of the 1960s and not long afterwards split 75 per cent of themselves to the international German media giant, the Bertelsmann Corporation. G&J currently has printing clients all over Europe and a division in America. It publishes 20 titles in Germany (including *Stern*), five in France, five in Spain and two in America.

It has been a good time for G&J to attack the UK, particularly with exorbitant TV advertising costs increasingly inciting clients to consider the worth of magazines. Moreover, after a decade of decline magazine reading is now experiencing a small but steady up-turn.

The long-term commitment of G&J to the British market is evident in the resources they are prepared to put behind their titles. *Best* is being offered to newsagents on an unusual sale-or-return basis and advertisers will get refunds if *Best*'s sales figures fall to top 500,000.

The policy of going for circulation first and then worrying about advertising revenue has paid off with *Prima*. Its *Women's Institute*-style appeal has ensured an up-market readership profile and thus its page rate for advertising has shot up from £4,000 to £12,000 this year.

"Our position is the same as it was last year," declares Paltzer with a smile. "We didn't come here to do just two titles, but I've no idea where we're going along the road. Gardening maybe. There's a weekly gardening magazine here that sells 130,000 copies — I find that very interesting."

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## MEDIA &amp; MARKETING

# Ghosting for Hamlet

When the accident-prone Hamlet cigar smoker stepped into the latest RAC television commercial this month, he was following a clutch of illustrious predecessors.

Before him, look-alikes of the Milk Tray man in black, the Bergasol girls, Cornetto's Latin lover, and the Levis bronzed beefcake, Nick Kamen, have all promoted completely different products. Heineken picked on Milk Tray and Bergasol, Barclaycard on Cornetto, and Carling Black Label on Levis.

It is a craze which may seem to be a piece of incoherent self-indulgence from an industry running out of ideas. In reality, it is a technique

When a cigar smoker promotes the RAC and the Milk Tray man sells lager, it's good news for the advertisers, Charles Elliott reports

which, if used properly, makes sound commercial sense for both parties in the parody.

According to the advertisers, there is no question of them coming to any financial deal before a parody is made. The "spoof" is strictly the product of a gentleman's agreement, and is paid for by the manufacturer of the product being promoted. Indeed, the ITCA - the body responsible for vetting commercials before they go on air - accepts only advertisements made "in a spirit of co-operation".

The agency making the parody simply shows its script or lay-out to

the manufacturer and agency of the original product. Agreement then depends on whether both parties think they will gain from the exercise, and whether they are confident that their own expensively-nurtured "original" will not be mocked or sullied.

Invariably, there is extreme vigilance over the parody, extending right down to the finest executional points, such as the way the Hamlet smoker lights his cigar. "The only thing we demand is that our advertising is treated in a faithful way, and that we can be sure our property won't be degraded," says

Jacqueline Bowen, director of the Cornetto account at SSC & B Lima.

All the devices which have been imitated come from well-established campaigns which have become household names. So even if one advertiser is footing the entire bill for his spoof, he is reaping the benefits of many years and millions of pounds of investment.

"The Hamlet campaign is 20 years old, so we're tapping into something which people know and understand already. It's a kind of shorthand," says Saatchi & Saatchi's joint creative director

James Lowther, who produced the RAC advertisement.

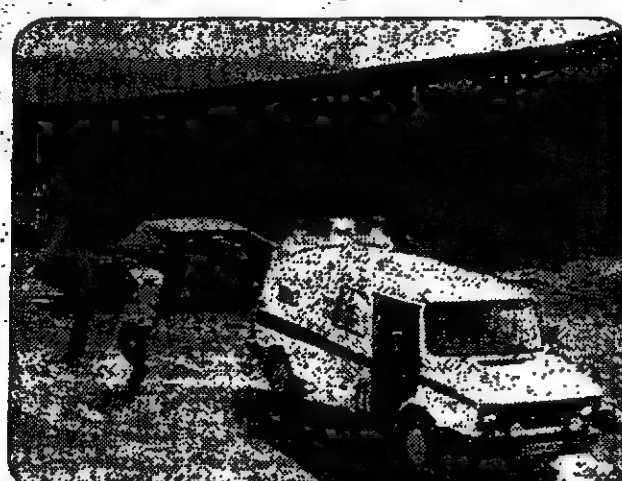
For the agency being parodied, the exercise means free publicity and a way of extending and reinforcing its own campaign.

But the "copy-cat" agency is always in danger if its own campaign is not sufficiently resilient. It must be sure it is not simply dishing out free publicity for someone else. Therefore a fine balance has to be struck, says Sarah Moncrieff, account director at J Walter Thompson for Andrex - which is used in an ad for Hamlet.

"Our research shows that Andrex consumers enjoy the Hamlet commercial enormously, and that a proportion of them actually think it's an ad for Andrex."



Whichever work: Ice cream comes to the aid of the bankers as just one Cornetto is used in the Barclaycard promotion



The Hamlet scene: the famous image of a cigar smoker helps to pull in members for the Royal Automobile Club



The incredible hunk: Carling Black Label try Levis' Nick Kamen on for size to help them sing it out in the lager market

## How Radio 3 found Beethoven again

Familiar works by famous composers are to be heard more often on Radio 3's Morning Concert.

John Drummond, the new Controller, has decreed that less time shall be devoted to the obscure works of obscure men.

The decision will delight those who maintain that Radio 3 is too exclusive. It may horrify those who believe that too much of its output is already "aural wallpaper",

bland and unadventurous. But according to executives at the BBC, it is unlikely to herald a major general move downmarket when Drummond unveils his new look Radio 3 later this year.

Many decisions about the network's future style and shape have yet to be taken; the new man started in June, but has been too pre-occupied with the Proms - his chief responsibility in his previous job as Controller of Music -

Nick Higham looks at a cultural bastion under orders from a new Controller

to complete the plans for Radio 3.

But already there are some indications of how he intends to fulfil his brief to make the network more "accessible" (BBC code for increasing its audience, currently three million a week) without destroying its reputation as a bastion of culture.

Most of the changes will be cosmetic and can be heard already in the presentation of the Proms. For the first time Radio 3 announcers have been encouraged to spend a whole day at the Royal Albert Hall, listening to rehearsals and talking to the artists in an effort to make the presentation of that evening's concert

livelier and more immediate.

Drummond's watchwords are spontaneity and homogeneity. He wants less of the spoken word on Radio 3 to be scripted and he wants better programme planning with more "seasons" - a Byron season early next year, Messiaen and Boulez some months later.

There will be more concert interval talks related to the music; more live relays from concert halls, opera houses

and festivals; and more plays, with the emphasis on contemporary writers.

Although repackaged, the mixture is likely to be much as before, however. Drummond is a man of eclectic tastes, as the Proms programme demonstrates, and deeply committed to the "public service" obligation to educate as well as to entertain. The wallpaper may be better hung, but the pattern will be just as varied.

### BYLINES

#### Open secrets

The Mirror Group is about to experience what will surely be the least effective "Chinese wall" of all time.

As of next Monday, the staffs of both the *Sunday Mirror* and the *Sunday People* will be crammed next to the *Daily Mirror*'s journalists on the third floor of Cap'n Bob's HQ in High Holborn.

Most of the floor has nothing except open-plan space dividers to prevent the highly-competitive journalists on the three papers overhearing and observing what their rivals are up to. Not to mention the covert rifling of opposing news desks' files - though MGN journalists might claim to be above such things.

On the face of it, the move (involving the shifting of the *Mirror*'s library down to the first floor) will make the papers' current switch to new technology more easy to manage. It will also make it possible, if he wishes, for Maxwell to recoup some of his £50 million losses on the *London Daily News* by selling the Orbit House building vacated by *The People* and the *Sunday Mirror*.

Equally, the move is re-awakening the old fears that the *Sunday Times* might be merged to create a seven-day *Mirror*.

#### That's your Lott

A mere fortnight after appointing Tim Lott as replacement for its two outgoing editors, left-wing London listings magazine, *City Limits*, is embarking on a new editor. Lott, formerly editor of *Flexipop*, seemed to many an odd choice for the heavily-politicized publication, for which the long gruelling hours of editing are rewarded with a co-operative salary of just £7,500. Lott, however, clearly isn't after riches. Now he's resigned, he says he really wants to be a playwright.

#### Price of fame

It's not surprising that PR companies prefer to be paid for their time rather than their results. But in New York the memorably named, Reed Trencher, boss of a PR company called Primetime, is attracting attention by asking his clients only to pay him if he gets them good publicity. His fees are set by the advertising rates of the media which carry the stories, and he doesn't take on clients in whom he thinks the media won't be interested.

#### Tell us more...

The Broadcasters' Audience Research Board, which publishes TV ratings, is planning to draw much more information from its 3,000-strong audience panel.

Broadcasters are coming round to the ad agencies' view that the panel should also supply data about their lifestyles and purchasing habits as well as their TV watching habits.

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#### Briefing...

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## RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

## A house to fancy

A Pigeon House at Snitterfield, a much sought-after village near Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, is the carefully renovated and extended Grade II listed Elizabethan dovecote of the Wood Estate. A mass of exposed wall and ceiling beams remain and the pigeon holes are still in evidence.

It stands back from the village road, is enclosed on three sides by its gardens, and will benefit by the proposed completion of the M40 extension from Oxford to Birmingham in 1990, with a junction only three miles away.

The house has a dining/reception room, drawing room, study and four bedrooms. Knight Frank and Rutley's Stratford-upon-Avon office seeks offers around £130,000.

■ Giddynap, at Amberley in the Cotswolds, is a 17th-century Grade II house with five bedrooms, two bathrooms and a heated conservatory. It is reported that in 1897 George Ticknell, a ringmaster, sold to Daniel Webb, a clothier, the land on which Giddynap stands for five shillings. The house is now for sale through Jackson-Stops and Staff's Cirencester office for about £220,000. It carries an unusual right with the ownership passes the right granted by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1760 to an exclusive pew in Minchinhampton Church.

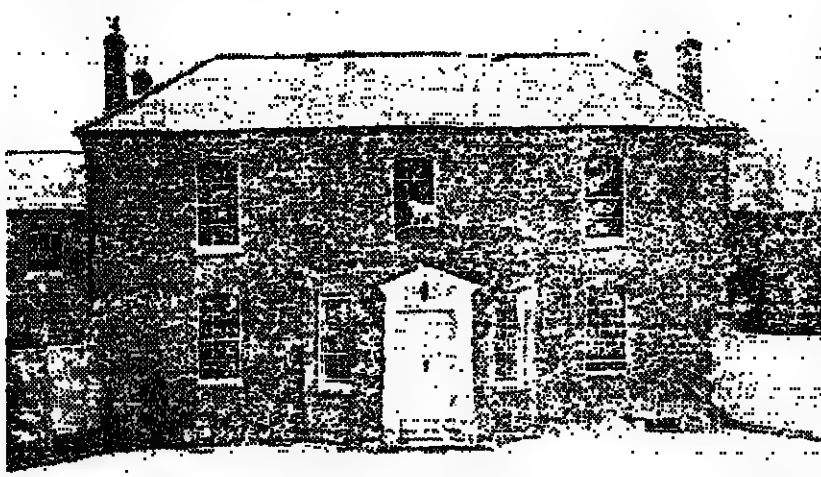
■ The regally named Kings and Princes at West Chilmington, Pulborough, West Sussex, is described by its apparent royal connections refer to a Mr King and a Mr Prince who once jointly owned the property.

The Grade II listed house, of stone and brick, was probably rebuilt in the Queen Anne period, and retains its inglenook fireplace and exposed beams. It includes a drawing room and dining room, cellar and five bedrooms. A stone and tile bath and games room on to the courtyard entrance to the house has a planning consent for conversion to a single dwelling to provide further accommodation. Kings and Princes stands in over two acres, and is for sale at about £400,000 through King and Chasemore Nationwide a Pulborough office.

■ The Pines at Potter Row, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, was built in 1860 for William Gifford, the artist who taught many of Europe's royalty. The impressive house of brick has a drawing room, dining room, study, conservatory, and six bedrooms, and is set in nearly two acres of grounds which include a summer house, tennis court, and a large garden. Kings and Princes is seeking offers above £360,000.

■ Chalco's are selling two fine Victorian terraced houses in Primrose Hill, near to the Regent's Canal. In St Mark's Crescent, in the heart of Primrose Hill village, the four-storey house at present used as consultancy rooms needs modernization, and could provide a spacious family home with four bedrooms and three reception rooms. The agents are asking £260,000.

The other house, on four storeys in Regent's Park Road, adjacent to the canal, has two reception rooms, a master bedroom suite and further bedrooms. Asking price £450,000.



Salthill House is the main part of a Grade II listed Georgian country house at Salthill, near Chichester, West Sussex, which is for sale at the same time as — but separately from — Said House, its former east wing. Salthill House, set in attractive parkland with uninterrupted views of Chichester Cathedral, was designed by Wyatt in about 1730, and has been recently restored. It has a main hall, drawing room, dining room, orangery, gallery, four bedrooms, cellars and attics, with extensive walled gardens, and Humbers' Petersfield office is asking for offers over £365,000. Said House has also been restored to provide a completely separate country house adjoining the main house. It has a drawing room, dining room, orangery and four bedrooms, and walled gardens too. The agents are asking for more than £245,000.

## Dick Turpin country

The Saffron Walden area of Essex is understandably popular, for while the market town and a variety of period property at its centre, surrounded by delightful countryside, it is a self-contained world, but at the same time has easy access to London by road and rail, writes Christopher Warman.

Of the properties on the market, one of the most interesting is the Old School House, an elegant 18th-century town house in the High Street, now a doctor's house. With earlier origins, it is mainly of the Queen Anne and Georgian period, with deep sash windows, a classical doorway with pediment and inside an abundance of panelling.

The house is being sold at auction on September 29 by Sunders a private house, but there is planning permission for conversion to offices. Guide price approaching £300,000.

A second doctor's house is for sale at Thaxted, eight miles from Saffron Walden. Aldboro House is a handsome, mainly 18th-century house of brick, with wide bay windows and shutters, which has been the doctor's house since the second half of the last century. The original house, which has the modern surgery attached, has a 31ft drawing room, dining room, four bedrooms and several other rooms, with a beautiful Regency octagonal castellated folly in the grounds. The same agents are asking for offers more than £225,000.

An unusual property on the market is the Rose and Crown, at Hemstead, near Saffron Walden, a delightful English village pub, one of whose claims to fame is as the birthplace of the highwayman

Dick Turpin. His birth is recorded in 1706 in the Hemstead Parish Register, at a time when the occupier of the house, then known as the Bell, was Jack Turpin, who was either Dick's father or brother. The house has another historic connection, for an earlier occupant was William Harvey, a descendant of Eliab Harvey, brother of William Harvey, discoverer of the circulation of the blood.

Probably of 16th-century origin, the house is built partly of brick on a heavy timber frame and retains many attractive period features. It is being sold either as a public house or a private house and has large rooms, at present bars and dining room, and four bedrooms. This historic building is also to be auctioned by Sunders, on August 25. Guide price: £180,000 to £200,000.

Sunders are also selling a Tudor farmhouse set in 12 acres of grounds, Giffords Farm, at Great Sampford, Saffron Walden, is unspoilt, has its farmyard and other buildings, and makes a peaceful family home or small farm. The farmhouse has been carefully restored and extended, keeping both Tudor features and those from Regency additions and alterations, including Regency gothic windows. It still has its double-shaft Elizabethan chimney stack and inglenook fireplace.

The house has three reception rooms and five bedrooms, and the farm buildings grouped at the back include a medieval and a 19th-century building, which with planning consent could be converted into further accommodation. There is already detailed consent for the construction of a conservatory, and the agents are asking about £375,000.

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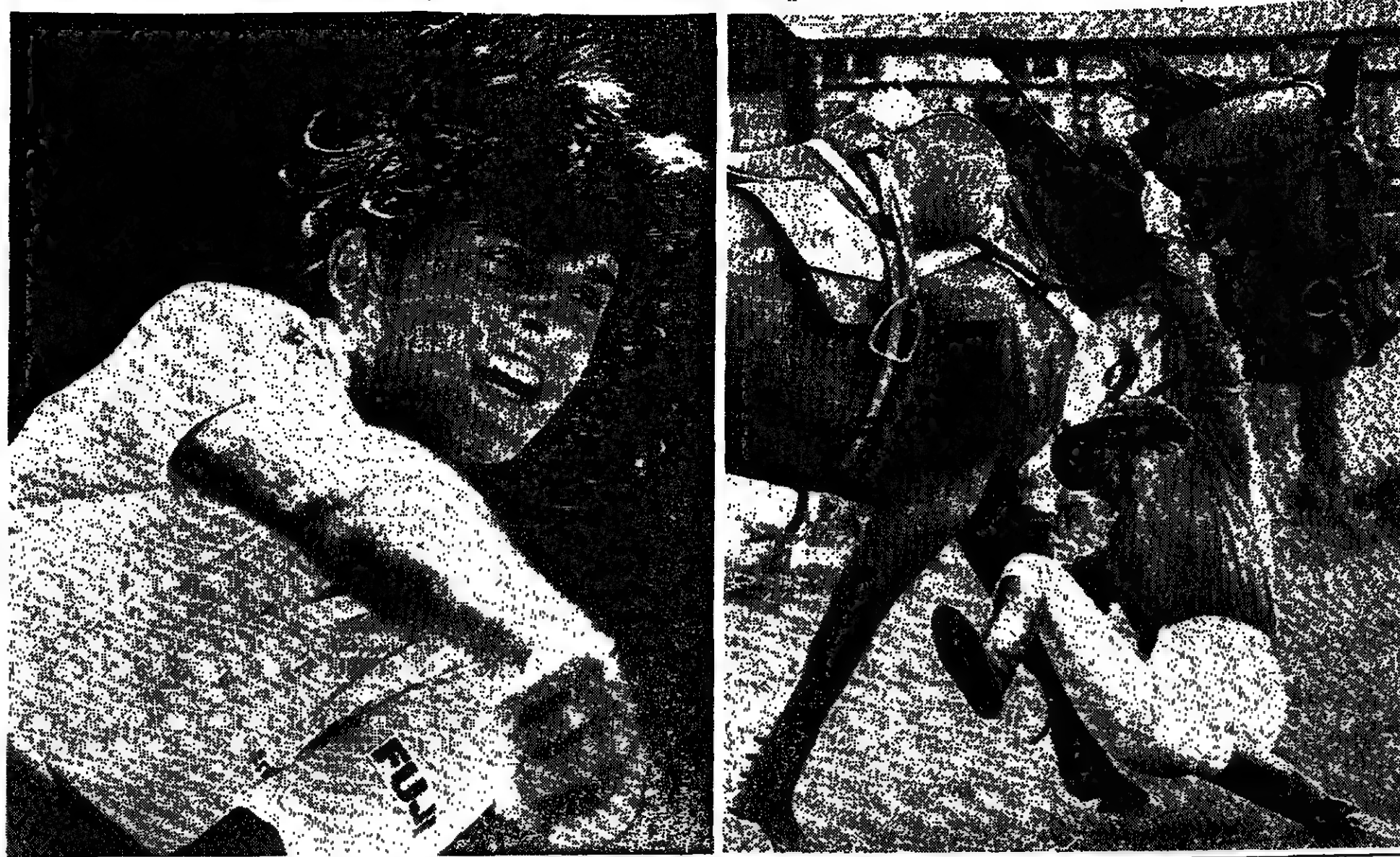
## The two shots that clicked

A forceful shot of Gabriela Sabatini putting all the beef of an athlete reared on Argentinian steaks into her game at Wimbledon, and another timeless moment caught when the Princess Royal parted company with her mount at Towcester, have put two photographs of *The Times* in the prize-winning frame.

Sabatini knew many a hairy moment as she served to neutralise the menace from Minsk, Natalia Zvereva, aged 16, in the fourth round of the women's singles, and Ian Stewart's study of one of them, published on July 1, has earned him the Nikon award for the United Kingdom's best newspaper picture of Wimbledon fortnight. Stewart was presented with his prize at the International Press Centre in London last night.

The day the Princess went "over the hill" was captured by Hugh Routledge during the Leading Artist Handicap Chase on May 22 and graced our front page the following day. It was judged photograph of the month by Nikon.

Having jumped the final fence on her horse, Coc Na Cuille, which translates from the Gaelic as "the little wood on top of the hill", the Princess was thrown over the gelding's shoulder and for several strides hung on by the reins. Of several shots of the incident taken by other cameras, this was the one that clicked with the judges.



CYCLING: KELLOGG'S TOUR FIELD FACED WITH A DEMANDING TEST OF ENDURANCE

## Elliott leads British charge as favourites fall prey to injury

By Peter Bryan

Many months ago the organisers of the Kellogg's tour of Britain, which starts today in Edinburgh, sought advice about the 825-mile course from Sean Kelly, computer-rated the world's No. 1 rider.

"Make it tough," was the crisp message from Kelly who uses an economy of words when answering questions. But this giant among cyclists may be hoist by his own petard once the 100 professionals are flagged away this morning on their long ride down the spine of Britain before Sunday's finale in central London.

When Kelly advised a hard course, he had just won the Paris to Nice race for the sixth year and looked set for another outstanding season. Later, in the Tour of Spain, a cyst came between him and his saddle and he had to abandon, missing a fortnight's racing after an operation.

Fit again, the Tour de France promised the big win he wanted. It was not to be, a crash left him with torn shoulder ligaments and while his friend and compatriot, Stephen Roche, went on to victory, Kelly was at home nursing his injured shoulder.

Now with Roche injured and missing the Kellogg's event, Kelly — in normal circumstances — would have been favourite for the five-day race. But his recovery has been slow and he said yesterday: "I'm on a comeback and not 100 per cent fit yet. The Kellogg's race is important to me, of course, and it will be preparation for the world road race championship next month."

"But I was off the bike completely for two weeks after the Tour de France crash and that, for a professional, is a



lifetime. Now I have to regain my fitness. I have just finished a stage race in Spain but it was more a training ride than anything and gave me a challenge to test the damaged shoulder.

"It's getting better but on the hills and in the sprints, while you have to pull on the bars, I shall be at a disadvantage."

Kelly is a hard man, seemingly immune to pain, but if he says that he is not 100 per cent then that is the Irishman's natural honesty and nothing to do with blarney.

The foreign representation in this week's race will be surprised at the severity of the hills on the course; short, sharp, shocks face the riders every day and gradients of one in four may see some pedestrians on the ascents.

Roche and Kelly are examples of the broad margin of error, because of potential injuries that makes forecasting difficult. Britain's hopes would automatically centre on Malcolm Elliott, who wore the leader's yellow jersey throughout this year's Milk Race. He returned on Sunday from a long rest abroad following the Tour de France and he, too, does not expect to figure early among the leaders.

His team colleague, Joey McLoughlin, Milk Race winner in 1986, appears to have recovered from his bout of tendonitis and, with recurring approaches from foreign teams, will want to figure in the daily action.

The signs are, though, that overall victory will not be for a Briton. Kelly has the team support to get him through — if that suspect left shoulder

gives no trouble. On paper, at least, the PDM team of Dutch and Swiss riders, led by Steven Rooks, are worth an easy way as is the Peugeot-Dan Air squad, which includes Pascal Simon and Gilbert Duclos-Lassalle.

Dirk Wayenberg, of Belgium, has been chosen as the replacement for his fellow-countryman, Eddy Schepers, in the race. Wayenberg, aged 32, comes from West Flanders, the cobbled roads of which have bred the hardest racing men in Europe.

He will be no stranger to steep hills of the kind the race will offer in the Pennines tomorrow when the race goes from Newcastle to Manchester. Today's opening stage of 117 miles is from Edinburgh to Newcastle-upon-Tyne via Carter Bar (1,200ft).

## An Italian cheer for Rosola

San Francisco (Reuters) — Paolo Rosola appropriately won the criterium at Fisherman's Wharf — a stronghold of Italian descent — to give the Italian team their second stage victory in the Coors international classic.

Rosola, aged 30, who won three stages in the Tour of Italy three months ago, confirmed his status as one of the finest sprinters in the world on the 64km fifth stage when he outkicked Andreas Kappeler, of West Germany, the stage winner on Sunday, and Davis Phinney, of the United States.

"This makes up for the disappointment of finishing third to Kappeler last time," Rosola said.

However, there was disappointment for Alan McCormack, of Ireland, who won this stage last year, but crashed as he led out the sprint for the finish line.

McCormack, sixth in the overall standings, was not seriously hurt and under race regulations was given the same finishing time as the leading bunch.

This short stage, with another to follow last night after the 170km stage to Sacramento, did not threaten the overall dominance of Jeff Priebe and the American 7-Eleven team.

Priebe lost eight seconds to leading pack, but comfortably kept his 2min 25sec race lead over Andy Hampsten, his team colleague; three Americans were in the top 10.

The only worry to the Americans on these short stages are the 30, 20 and 10sec time bonuses to the top three finishers. "I suppose we still have plenty to learn from the European sprinters," Phinney said.

RESULTS: Fifth stage, Fisherman's Wharf criterium (64km). 1. P. Rosola (ITA) 2. A. Kappeler (GER) 3. D. Phinney (USA) 4. V. Dier (NED) 5. A. Jagt (NED) 6. E. Schepers (BEL) 7. R. B. G. (USA) 8. M. McCormack (IRE) 9. S. R. G. (USA) 10. D. G. (USA) 11. D. G. (USA) 12. D. G. (USA) 13. D. G. (USA) 14. D. G. (USA) 15. D. G. (USA) 16. D. G. (USA) 17. D. G. (USA) 18. D. G. (USA) 19. D. G. (USA) 20. D. G. (USA) 21. D. G. (USA) 22. D. G. (USA) 23. D. G. (USA) 24. D. G. (USA) 25. D. G. (USA) 26. D. G. (USA) 27. D. G. (USA) 28. D. G. (USA) 29. D. G. (USA) 30. D. G. (USA) 31. D. G. (USA) 32. D. G. (USA) 33. D. G. (USA) 34. D. G. (USA) 35. D. G. (USA) 36. D. G. (USA) 37. D. G. (USA) 38. D. G. (USA) 39. D. G. (USA) 40. D. G. (USA) 41. D. G. (USA) 42. D. G. (USA) 43. D. G. (USA) 44. D. G. (USA) 45. D. G. (USA) 46. D. G. (USA) 47. D. G. (USA) 48. D. G. (USA) 49. D. G. (USA) 50. D. G. (USA) 51. D. G. (USA) 52. D. G. (USA) 53. D. G. (USA) 54. D. G. (USA) 55. D. G. (USA) 56. D. G. (USA) 57. D. G. 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# The 'nearly' men have made it in the entertainment business

By Stuart Jones  
Football Correspondent

Tottenham Hotspur might have collected a unique set of four titles last season. They finished third in the championship, equal third in the Littlewoods Cup and second in the FA Cup but they did end up with one, albeit unofficial, crown. They were, indisputably, the most attractive side in the land.

The club's achievements may not feature in the record books but their performances were locked in the vault of golden memories. They carried the banner for those who believe that the principal aim of the game should be to entertain as well as to win. Now they are being rewarded for maintaining the honourable principle.

Their attendances last season rose by some 25 per cent, their ticket sales have increased by almost 10 per cent and they claim to have the largest membership scheme, of over 20,000, in the country. "We may be labelled the 'nearly team'," Irving Scholar, their chairman, says, "but we've won many friends at a time when football needs them."

"We played Arsenal for five hours in the Littlewoods Cup semi-final and were behind only in the last 30 seconds. The day after we lost the FA Cup Final against Coventry in extra time, three of our side went into hospital for operations. I think we played our part in helping the game to regain its appeal."

## FOOTBALL COUNTDOWN TO THE SEASON

"Entertainment is of paramount importance at this club. After all, we are in that business. I'm convinced that if a side plays defensively and keeps winning 1-0 every week, it will be only a matter of time before its crowds drop substantially." His words are echoed by David Pleat, Tottenham's manager.

He seeks success, naturally, but "with style, not at any cost. We obviously convinced the public we were doing things the right way because more people came to see us. Spectators aren't attracted just by winning sides. Since there are about three trophies, that means no more than three of the first division club's gates going up."

Tottenham are again considered the strongest championship candidates in the South, where the trophy was last claimed in 1971. Though optimistic, Pleat feels that the London clubs in particular are at a slight disadvantage because of the proliferation of local derbies. "I didn't think that at the start of last season," he said, "but I do now."

"They have two domestic cup finals a year on Merseyside. We have 16 semi-finals in the capital. They are invariably tense, frenetic affairs and it is harder for quality to rise to the surface in that kind of

physical atmosphere. Having said that, I thought that at one stage last season Arsenal were going to do it."

He admits that Tottenham's challenge will rest on their ability to adjust to the absence of Hoddle. "We eventually found the right balance last season with him playing in a free role behind the lone striker. He had greater vision than anyone in England."

Pleat prefers not to reveal whether he will persist with a midfield line of five but he points out that his options have increased. Metgod, a Dutchman on the high road of his career, and Fairclough, an Englishman at the crossroads of his, were acquired from Nottingham Forest during the summer.

"Metgod will not release the ball as quickly as Hoddle but we need his passing ability. Fairclough was bought as cover when there was some doubt about Mabbutt staying with us and he has to resurrect his promise." Fairclough, considered a potentially outstanding central defender before being injured two years ago, partnered Gough in Houghton's testimonial match against Arsenal on Monday night.

Pleat suggested that Ardiles could take over Hoddle's floating role. "Ardiles was the deepest of our midfield five but he wants to play further up. When he combined with Hoddle we played the type of football that could crucify the opposition but made it harder for us to chase a game. We just didn't have the legs."

If Clive Allen, the scorer of 51 goals last season, and Waddle, an increasingly exciting and elusive winger, reproduce their form, Tottenham will continue to be fearsome. Some visitors, recognizing the abundance of international talent at White Hart Lane, have felt that they have no alternative but to employ intimidatory tactics. They may do so again.

When provoked "we suffer," as Pleat put it, but they will not be deterred from attempting once more to become the champions of entertainment. There are already signs of encouraging progress off the pitch. Scholar confirmed that the fences in the north stand, which encloses families and children, were yesterday being taken down.

"The police told us that there was not one incident or arrest there throughout last season, so they offered us the opportunity to remove them. It proves that the public have responded to our scheme. You can't force membership cards on people. You have to show them that there are genuine benefits."

"We offer reduced entrance prices, fixed prices for the big matches, discounts in our shops and a guarantee of a ticket for events like the Cup Final." Nor are these the only benefits. Shares in the club that were bought a year ago are now more than three times as valuable. The "nearly team" are writing their own story of success.



Man at the crossroads: Fairclough has still to resurrect his promise

## FISHING

### Highlands salmon escaping the net

CONRAD VOSS BARK reports on the dramatic effect a new scheme has had on salmon fishing in Scotland

Thousands of visitors who go to the Scottish Highlands to fish for salmon should find a great improvement later this year and next. It has already started on the increase in the number of salmon in the rivers should be spreading next year to the Don and in following years to the Findhorn, Beaulieu, Nairn, Conon and Ness.

It is the work not of Government or fishing associations but of three men, ordinary anglers, who went to a conservation meeting in Aberdeen. They discussed the great deprivations on salmon stocks in the Highlands caused by commercial fishermen who string their nets along the coasts and in estuaries, trapping salmon in hundreds of thousands as they swim from their deep sea feeding grounds to breed.

The meeting ended inconclusively. Sir William Gordon Cumming, of Aikyn, Forres, was so fed up with the lack of action that he suggested to his fellow-fishermen, Patrick Willis, of Whitechurch, Hampshire, and John Douglas Macdonald, of Foran in Ross and Cromarty, that they do something themselves.

They were joined by another fisherman, David Currie, from Ingworth, Norfolk, and the foursome set up a charitable trust which in less than two years raised £750,000 to buy out the netmen and stop netting.

### Competition from sea loch farms

It was the right moment. They approached the netmen and found that many were willing to be bought out mainly because netting wild fish was becoming less profitable from growing competition from fish farms which were producing salmon artificially in sea lochs off Western Scotland, a venture pioneered by Unilever.

Netting rights were bought up over several hundred miles of coast and estuaries from Inverness to Aberdeen, many from use. Now, more than 100,000 salmon, which previously would have been caught by the nets, will enter the rivers. Of these fish, only about five or 10 per cent will be caught by sport fishermen on rod and line, leaving a vast number to be raised and produce countless salmon in the years ahead.

The nets on the Dee were the first to come off at the start of this season. The lower boats noticed no improvement, but because of a good flow of water the salmon were rolling through to the higher beats. This summer came the first reports of a "terrific run" of trout (young salmon) and was told on the 11 miles of Glen. He plays well above Aboyne. The glens were also reporting more salmon exceeding 20lb than they had seen for many years. Previously most of the big fish were taken in the nets.

No one quite knows how big the catches are as many Highlands estates do not give details. They follow the principle of Scottish lairds that goes back generations, summed up by the maxim: "Whatever you say, say nothing."

Glen Tanar is in the tradition. When asked about salmon catches, a spokesman replied: "We are very busy about giving information because the nets are coming off there has been a very large increase in the amount of poaching."

### Bitter war with the poachers

The war between the estate workers and poachers, who glean their information from local river watchers who are paid a few shillings, is becoming a bitter one. Concrete blocks with spikes — to tear the poachers' nets — have been sunk in the holding pools. This is an extreme measure, but shows the fierceness of the struggle.

Nevertheless, there is good news for Glen Tanar. One of their regular rods, who was thinking of giving up last year because of the poor fishing, was so successful this year that he will return.

There will be good news, too, for other famous beats on the Dee, like Invercauld, and hopefully in years to come for the rest of Scotland for the Salmon Conservation Trust has applied for £5 million to buy out all netmen.

## Captain led by example

By George Ace

The Irish League, who face a daunting examination against the Football League XI at Windsor Park next month, will have derived considerable boost to morale by holding Manchester United to a goalless game in Belfast on Monday night.

A battling display from the Irish part-time players was inspired by the magnificent form in goal of the Northern Ireland international, George Dunlop, a Manchester City reject at the tender age of 17 — 14 years ago.

David Jeffrey, who captained the side and was a tower of strength in midfield, spent three years at Old Trafford before returning to Linfield in 1981. McCoy, on the left flank, and McCasky had splendid games up front.

For United, Anderson twice went close, Brien Henderson while McClair, Olsen and Morrison were all foiled by the brilliance of Dunlop.

"I asked them to do a job for me and I have nothing but praise for them," the Irish League manager, Roy Coyle, said. "United had won all seven of their pre-season games. That puts the Irish League performance in perspective."

IRISH LEAGUE: G Dunlop (Lincoln), T McMillan (Larne), J Coyle (Portlaoise), S Burrows (Larne), S Bowers (Glenties), D Jeffrey (Lincoln), R McCreadie (Portlaoise), J McCreadie (Portlaoise), L Doherty (Lincoln), W Coyle (Glenties), J McCreadie (Portlaoise), J McCoy (Coatagh).

MANCHESTER UNITED: G Walsh; V Anderson, A Brien (both 14), B Henderson, W McClair, S Olsen, S Morrison, M Whelan, G Graham, L Moran, N Whelan, G Strachan (all 17), J O'Brien, J McClair, P Davenport, J Olsen, R McCall, J Stewart.

## Hogg bonus delays move

The Manchester United central defender, Graeme Hogg, has delayed his £250,000 move to Manchester City, a decision that could awaken the interest of Sheffield Wednesday, themselves rejected by Everton defender, Mark Wright. United and City had agreed Hogg's move, but the Old Trafford club rejected his request for a "loyalty" bonus.

Brighton expected to clinch the signing on a month's loan of the former Farnham Town forward.

Dave Leworthy, from Oxford United yesterday. Provided Leworthy, aged 24, has recovered from a thigh strain, the Brighton manager, Barry Lloyd, wants to complete the deal for the 17-year-old, who has given a free transfer by Portsmouth, moved on to Farnham and then to Spurs, to whom Oxford paid £175,000.

Scarborough have signed the defender, Les McManis, from Northern Premier League club, Matlock Town. McManis, aged 26, who made more than 80 League appearances, is a former player for Mansfield before drifting into non-League football, impressed the Scarborough manager, Neil Warnock, while playing against his team in a pre-season match last month.

Port Vale's long-serving defender, Russell Bromage, will almost certainly join the third division rivals, Bristol City, this morning. Both clubs have agreed a £25,000 fee.

Isleworth Town have given the former QPR and Reading goalkeeper, Ron Fearn, a month's contract.

Perry Digweed, of Brighton, a former Fulham goalkeeper, is a doubtful starter for Saturday's opening match of the season at home to York City after injuring his neck in training.

Newport County will lose their home leg, the Littlewoods Cup first round, against their neighbours, Cardiff City. Both legs will be played at Ninian Park in Cardiff.

The County player-manager, John Lewis, confirmed yesterday that efforts to get Somerton Park work undertaken to speed the game's progress could not be completed in time for next week's first-leg fixture.

FOR THE RECORD

## ATHLETICS

SENIOR: Manchester near Steve Sim (Sheff Wed) 100m (1.10), 200m (2.25), 400m (1.10), 800m (2.25), 1600m (5.10), 3200m (10.10), 6400m (20.10), 12800m (40.10), 25600m (80.10), 51200m (160.10), 102400m (320.10), 204800m (640.10), 409600m (1280.10), 819200m (2560.10), 1638400m (5120.10), 3276800m (10240.10), 6553600m (20480.10), 13107200m (40960.10), 26214400m (81920.10), 52428800m (163840.10), 104857600m (327680.10), 209715200m (655360.10), 419430400m (1310720.10), 838860800m (2621440.10), 1677721600m (5242880.10), 3355443200m (10485760.10), 6710886400m (20971520.10), 13421772800m (41943040.10), 26843545600m (83886080.10), 53687091200m (167772160.10), 107374182400m (335544320.10), 214748364800m (671088640.10), 429496729600m (1342177280.10), 858993459200m (2684354560.10), 1717986918400m (5368709120.10), 3435973836800m (10737418240.10), 6871947673600m (21474836480.10), 13743895347200m (42949672960.10), 27487790694400m (85899345920.10), 54975581388800m (171798691840.10), 109951162777600m 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# Catting leads England to survival

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

**THE OVAL:** England drew with Pakistan. England achieved all they could hope for by denying Pakistan victory in the fifth Test match, sponsored by Cornhill Insurance, yesterday. In doing so they owed a particular debt to Catting, who played a true captain's innings and was most splendidly supported by Botham. England made 315 for four in their second innings, having lost only one wicket all day, and Catting was 150 not out.

The pitch seemed slower than on Monday, when Qadir had wrought such damage, but Qadir's fingers were tired now and his back was not quite as he would have liked it. He went off for a quarter of an hour in the afternoon to have it seen to.

England's batsmen were more familiar, too, with the problems of the Pakistani spin. Embury said on Monday evening how much he had enjoyed the opportunity of playing the turning leg break. I doubt whether that was a view too widely held in the England dressing-room at the time; but lessons were learnt, as we saw yesterday.

Even Broad may have been unlucky to be given out. He went to a bat-and-pad catch at short leg after 75 minutes' play and gave the impression as he left that he thought it was all pad and no bat. That brought in Botham, who played an innings unlike anything that he can ever have done before.

Having taken guard at 12.15, he spent an hour making two and he batted all told for four and a quarter hours, finishing with one of the much slower 50s in Test cricket. It was as remarkable an effort, coming from him, as any of his swashbuckling hundreds. He played very straight and never once gave way to temptation. Thus, with great character, he departs the scene, temporarily anyway.

The result of the match may have turned on the first ball Catting received in the day. Five not out overnight, he had watched Broad play the first two overs, from Imran and Qadir. The first ball of Imran's second over, slightly short and

## Pakistanis in wars

The all-rounder, Wasim Akram, aged 21, of Pakistan, had an operation yesterday to remove his appendix. Ijaz Ahmed, who was struck on the head by a Mike Gatting hook when fielding at short leg yesterday, was not seriously injured. He went to hospital for a precautionary X-ray, which showed no serious damage.

pitching around off stump, was edged by Gatting to first slip, where Salim Malik, falling to his right, put it down. It was the sort of catch Malik might have expected to hold five times out of six and it put Gatting on his mettle.

After that the captain had only one horrendous aberration when he could have been caught at backward short leg off Tauseef, attempting, of all things, a reverse sweep. He got out to that, with his side fighting for survival, he could never have lived it down.

In the same over he would have been run out by a yard and a half had a flick by Mudassar from silly point hit the stumps. Gatting, 58 at the time, had gone down the wicket and was far stranded as Mudassar, only four or five yards from the bat, fielded the ball off Gatting's pads.

For all that, Gatting's was a wonderful feat of concentration, doggedness and defensive technique. I saw a lot of Barrington in him yesterday, and that was vastly reassuring. This was Gatting's ninth hundred in 28 matches since the clouds lifted from his Test career at Bombay in December 1984. He averages 58 in that time, in spite of having been burdened for the last year with the captaincy.

After having things so much their own way for the first four days of the match, Pakistan were unfortunate to be without Wasim Akram through suspected appendicitis. Although he had bowled only six unsuccessful overs on Monday, he could have picked up an important wicket yesterday. As it was, Imran had to



Exit the lion, enter the lamb: Botham assumes yet another identity as he shows the world a disciplined, defensive bat (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

share the second new ball with Mudassar. Of the 207 overs bowled in the last two days of the match, 145 were of spin. It was like looking back through the telescope of time.

It has been a memorable tour for the Pakistanis. More than any of their predecessors, they have dedicated themselves to doing their best. They have played a well-disciplined game and shown the flair to go with it. England, on the other hand, have lacked the edge of a good side, which has rather devalued their performances in Australia last winter, two of which, gratifying as they were, were in one-day cricket.

I hope, for Pakistan's sake,

that Imran can be persuaded to take them to the West Indies next March, even if he stands by his decision to miss the forthcoming series against England. With him to lead them, they could give a good account of themselves in the Caribbean. Their blend of youth, experience and instinct making at their best a good and entertaining side.

Congratulations, then, to our conquerors. If they were said at times to be "up to their tricks", such reports seemed sometimes to be embellished and owed something to a garrulous, albeit disarming, manager.

Yesterday afternoon trouble flared around the wicket when

the close fielders, of which Qadir and Tauseef never had fewer than three, and various others much further from the bat, appealed for another of those difficult bat-pad affairs. This time the umpire, Constant, ruled in the batsman's favour, at which there was a lot of chattering.

Miandad, of course, was in the thick of it; even Imran was not above showing his frustration. There being nearly three hours left, the match at the time was still very much open, though not the series. Pakistan are the third side in a row to beat England in England and the fourth out of the last five. Only Australia in 1985 have failed to do so since New Zealand in 1983.

## THE OVAL SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN won toss

### PAKISTAN

FIRST INNINGS: 708 (Ijaz Ahmed 260, Imran Khan 118, Salim Malik 102, Mudassar Nazar 73, Ijaz Ahmed 68; G R Dillie 5 for 154)

### ENGLAND

FIRST INNINGS: 232 (M W Gatting 61, J E Embury 53; Abdul Qadir 7 for 96)

### SECOND INNINGS

	Bs	As	Mins	Runs
B C Broad c Ijaz Ahmed b Abdul Qadir	42	3	253	206
M D MOKON c Saleem Yousaf b Tauseef Ahmed	15	1	68	51
R T ROBINSON c Wasim Akram b Abdul Qadir	10	2	26	54
D J GOWER c Mudassar Nazar b Abdul Qadir	34	3	60	58
M W GATTING not out	150	21	348	302
I T BOTHAM not out	51	9	252	208
Extras: b 4, lb 5, w 1, nb 3				13
Total: (4 wickets, 142 overs)				515

J E Embury, 18 N French, N A Foster, P H Edmonds and G R Dillie did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22 (25); 2-40 (35); 3-88 (45); 4-138 (71). SCORING: Imran Khan 26-58-5; Wasim Akram 5-5-5-0; Abdul Qadir 53-21-115-3; Tauseef Ahmed 46-3-15-9-1; Mudassar Nazar 6-0-21-0; Javed Miandad 4-2-10-0.

Men of the Match: JAVED MIANDAD. Umpires: D J Constant and K E Palmer.

## Comic-book hero triumphs

By Alan Lee

There will be tortured inquests, inevitably, amid the defeat and dismay. But Mike Gatting guaranteed yesterday that neither his right to remain captain nor his reputation as a batsman of the very highest class and character can be questioned even mildly when the knives begin to fly.

Gatting was widely castigated for England's decisive loss at Headingley, he was publicly insulted during the following Test at Edgbaston. Yet, since the middle of that game, when his defences were down and his spirit was briefly threatened he has emerged as a comic-book hero — the beleaguered captain, taking on the opposition single-handed and overturning the odds.

When all seemed lost in this final Test at the Oval, Gatting batted calmly through the last day for 150 not out to deprive Pakistan of the ultimate triumph. England were grateful, Pakistan's big and noisy following felt rebuffed. One

youth showed his feelings by hurling an egg at Gatting during the presentation ceremony but it disturbed him no more than the bulk of the bowling on a day when all logical expectations were denied.

It might have been so different. Gatting had made only five when he was dropped at slip, off his counterpart, Imran, in the third over of the day. "An early morning shot," he admitted meekly. "You need a bit of luck to hang around all day."

Gatting said his mind frequently went back three winters, to Bombay in 1984, as motivation to keep going. He recalled: "It was a similar situation, but I got my hundred and then got out at tea time. We lost that game and I was determined we were not going to lose this one. The whole team felt the same way, no one more than I, Ian Botham."

"I can't pretend it wasn't hard work. Setting out to bat

through a day with only a draw at the end of it is never easy. I was batting only to save face but I thought in terms of one hour at a time."

Gatting is not sure if he has ever played better than in the past fortnight but he does say: "It was a case of responsibility. Someone had to do it and when we lost early wickets, it had to be me."

"It has been a very frustrating series. There have been too many ifs and buts."

Gatting was approached by someone in the Oval car park on Monday night. He was not a fan. "He told me I should resign," Gatting smiles. "But although there have been some low points this season, and there are still areas of the job I don't enjoy, I am happy enough to carry on. What makes the difference is the knowledge that I am wanted; that the other players have respect for me. There have been times in my Test career when I have not felt like that."

## Constant again under fire

David Constant, who umpired the final Test match under almost intolerable pressure, was last night called "a disgraceful person" by the Pakistan manager, Hasib Ahsan (Alan Lee writes).

Hasib's latest verbal assault on Constant, to whom he has twice objected in this series, followed an incident in mid-afternoon when the umpire rejected an appeal for a catch claimed by Mudassar off Ian Botham.

Words appeared to be exchanged between Mudassar and Constant, gestures followed and both captains became involved. Hasib acted later: "Constant acted disgracefully. It is the right of the fielding side to appeal. There was no call for behaviour like that." The Pakistan captain, Imran Khan, also criticized the attitude of Constant.

## All-round applause for Notts

By Geoffrey Wheeler

Fate, which often smiles kindly on the great all-rounders, are assuredly conspiring to ensure that Richard Hadlee and Clive Rice, of Nottinghamshire, are going to have a memorable final season in English cricket.

Nottinghamshire not only lead the Britannic Assurance championship and the Refuge Assurance Sunday League, but will reach the final of the NatWest Trophy next month if they can overcome Gloucestershire in today's semi-final at Bristol.

With the exception of Johnson, who has a bruised finger, Nottinghamshire can select from fully fit squad, but Gloucestershire have four front-line bowlers under treatment — Walsh (knee strain) and Lawrence (pulled side muscle); Bainbridge has a severely bruised hand and Graveney, who, with 10 stitches in a gashed right hand, hopes to wear a specially designed glove.

The crowd of 8,000 expected at Bristol will be the largest since the Hammond years since this is Gloucestershire's first home semi-final since the Gillette Cup was introduced in 1963. This season's NatWest success has been based on the opening pair Stovold and Wright, who have put together successive partnerships of 87, 145 and 151 and Graveney's restrictive left-arm spin.

They have the depth of batting to substantially repair any damage Hadlee might do early on. But Nottinghamshire are on a roll and will take some stopping.

Injury problems are more fairly shared for the other game, Leicestershire against Northamptonshire at Grace Road for which all 7,000 tickets have long since been sold. Leicestershire had to withdraw Agnew from the championship match with Warwickshire to have treatment for a "dead leg" and

DeFreitas has bruised toes and is also doubtful. Luckily, Taylor, who has not played since breaking a toe two months ago, is available if required.

Northamptonshire have batsmen to spare, but with Capel and Walker both facing fitness tests have bowler worries. If either fails Robinson may play with a broken right wrist in plaster.

These semi-finals were all in Group A of this season's Benson and Hedges Cup, won by Gloucestershire.

GLoucestershire (from): A W Stovold, A J Wright, C W J Arney, P Bannister, M J Curran, J W Lewis, P W Rotherham, N A Alwyn, R C Russell (wgt), D A Graveney (capt), C A Walsh, D V Lawrence, P E Salmons, K P Thomas. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE (from): B C Broad, R T Robinson, M Howell, C B Rice (capt), P Johnson, J D Birch, R J Hadlee, R W French (wgt), E E Hemmings, R A Pisk, K Sandily, M Bone, D J Marshall. LEICESTERSHIRE (from): R A Cobb, N E Briers, P Wiley (capt), R I Gower, J J Whisler, I P Bagg, P B Carr, P W Lacey (wgt), P A J DeFreitas, J P Agnew, J P Farris, C G Lewis, L B Taylor. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (from): G Cook (capt), W Watkins, R J Berridge, J Capel, R G Williams, D J Ward, R J Boyd-Mena, D Rieley, G N A Watson (wgt), R A Harper, N G B Coor, A Walker, W W Davis, G Smith, M A Robinson.

## Barlow leaves London

By Ivo Tennant

Eddie Barlow, the director of the South African Sports Office in London since 1984, has resigned and returned to the Republic. The office will be run by a secretary until the South African Sports Policy Committee decides whether to appoint a successor.

Barlow, the former South African all-rounder, who is 47 today, has decided he does not want to renew his three-year contract owing to lack of funds and support from sports bodies in South Africa. He feels he has achieved all he can and is intent on resuming farming near Cape Town.

Barlow said: "It was a decision I took with enormous regret but perhaps someone else will have plans that are not as far-reaching or financially draining as mine. I believe we have achieved a lot in promoting South African sport and now we must carry on bringing sport to all the people in South Africa. We cannot change governments, just as sportsmen cannot in the Soviet Union or Chile, but I believe the world will come to realize we are providing freedom of choice for all sportsmen in South Africa."

Joe Pamensky, the president of the South African Cricket Union, said that Barlow had succeeded in making people in England aware of developments in South African sport. "It is unfortunate that the fall by 50 per cent in the rate of exchange affected his finances and efforts."

## Snooker world series is unveiled by Hearn

By Sydney Friskin

Barry Hearn's long-cherished dream of a world series for snooker reached fulfilment yesterday when he launched a scheme for a grand prix circuit, which will begin at the end of this month.

At a Press conference in London, Hearn, the Romford manager of seven of the world's leading professionals — including the world champion Steve Davis — announced he has joined forces with Barrie Gill, the chairman of CSS International, to create a controlling body, World Series Snooker. It will be run along the lines of world series events in other sports, such as motor racing and tennis.

The organization, it was explained, does not intend to damage the open events run in the United Kingdom by the game's controlling body, the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), but it does strengthen the hand of Hearn.

In May, Hearn made a firm bid to take over the running of the world championship in Sheffield after the contract with Embassy, the tournament's present sponsors, runs out. He is also expanding the Rothmans Matchroom League to include other European venues. However, Rex Williams, the chairman of the WPBSA, sent a message to Hearn hailing the new series as an exciting prospect and wishing it every success.

The 11 players invited to take part are the top eight in the world: Steve Davis, Jimmy White, Neal Foulds, Cliff Thorburn, Joe Johnson, Terry Griffiths, Tony Knowles, Dennis Taylor and three wild cards — Willie Thorne, Tony Meo and Stephen Hendry. Alex Higgins, ranked ninth in the world, has not been able to find a place.

The series will comprise eight eight-man tournaments, starting with the Tokyo Masters from August 28 to 31 and moving on to Hong Kong (September 2 to 6). The third event is the Canadian Masters, in Toronto from October 28 to 31, and the fourth, the Las Vegas Masters, will run from December 16 to 20.

Davis, White and Foulds, the top three ranked players in the world, will play in all eight events, but only their best five results will count towards the overall title. The remaining eight players will each compete in five events, with all their results counting towards the final points table. The prize fund will be around £500,000 and the champion will receive £200,000 if he wins all his five events.

The four remaining tournaments will be staged in the second half of the season at venues to be selected from the following seven cities: Paris, Brussels, Monte Carlo, Rio de Janeiro, Sydney, Peking and Milan. Hearn, it would seem, has the whole world in his hands.

## Houghton interests Inter

By Clive White

Internazionale are reported to have offered £1.3 million for Ray Houghton of Oxford United — £550,000 more than the club's asking price. Maurice Evans, the Oxford United manager, yesterday confirmed this latest instance of Italian excess.

"They watched Ray last season and liked what they saw. They are prepared to pay big money for a top-class player, which is the reason for the difference in our valuation of £750,000 and their offer," he said. He expects the Italian club to watch the middle

player, aged 25, for a couple of weeks before negotiations begin.

While it is true that Italian clubs regard lots of noughts in their purchase prices as good value for publicity, the offer for Oxford's diminutive Republic of Ireland international must be viewed with some scepticism since Internazionale, with Scifo, the Belgian, and Passarella, the Argentinian, already have their full foreign quota.

Furthermore, even Oxford's "more modest" valuation of Houghton has been at odds

with those of lesser spend-thrifts like Rangers, Celtic, Liverpool, Sheffield Wednesday and Arsenal. But there is no denying that foreign interest in British players is ever increasing.

Rush (£3 million to Juventus), Johnston (£1 million to Nantes), Hoddle (£750,000 to Monaco), Elliott (£500,000 to Pisa), and Lee (£200,000 to Osasuna) have all enhanced the British overseas contingent while emigrants like Hately and Wilkins remained in demand on the Continent.

## Reduced demands

North Korea has reduced its demands for participation in the 1988 Olympic Games. Chin Chung Guk, the vice-chairman of the North Korean Olympic Committee, said Pyongyang would propose that North Korea hold five full events and one partial event.

North Korea had previously demanded eight full events out of the 23 Olympic sports. Under the new proposal, North Korea is asking for table tennis, archery, women's volleyball, football and one unspecified sport, along with one event to be shared.

## Open to offers

Laura Davies, the US Women's Open champion, will find out today whether her victory has earned her a place on the LPGA tour.

## SPORT IN BRIEF



Gross: change of mind

## Gross settles

Michael Gross has reached agreement with West German Swimming Federation and lifted his threat to boycott the individual events at the European Championships. Gross had said he would compete only in three relays after he was left out of the 200m butterfly.

## Return win

Pietro Mennea, of Italy, the world 200m record holder, came out of retirement at Grosseto, Italy, on Monday to win the 200m in 38sec. Outside the 20.70 world championship qualifying time. Alan Wells, of Scotland, was third in the 100m in 10.42sec.

## Control urged

Yuri Vlasov, head of the Soviet Weightlifting Federation and a former Olympic champion, called yesterday for new efforts to stop weightlifters using stimulants.

## Testing time

Nelson Piquet, the Formula One world championship leader, lapped the Donington Park circuit in a record 54.1sec while testing the new active-suspension Williams-Honda yesterday.

## Sponsor about to emerge

By Ian Ross

The Football League is hoping to name its new sponsor before the curtain rises on the season on Saturday.

"I will be very disappointed if we cannot make an announcement in a matter of days," Philip Carter, the League president, said yesterday. Barrie Gill, chairman of the League's agents, CSS Promotions, said: "There are four companies in the frame to succeed Today. Two of them are blue-chip British companies and the other two are Commonwealth-based."

Carter, looking forward to the season, said: "I am optimistic, but we do have another season of trial ahead of us. I honestly feel that if we had just one serious confrontation anywhere, whether it be at home or abroad, we would be taken out of the European scene for a very long time."

Goalkeepers who take too long to get the ball back into play and clubs who over-populate the dug out will find themselves out of favour this season. The 92 club managers will be asked to approve countermeasures at a meeting at Villa Park tomorrow.

"They will be asked to take action against a goalkeeper who hangs onto the ball unduly," the League secretary, Graham Kelly, said. Clubs will be expected to limit numbers on the bench to a maximum of seven.

END COLUMN

## The time for a change of tack

By David Miller

The crackjack which, it seemed last week, the Kiwis had tossed into the America's Cup camp-fire may turn out to be a damp squib. Now, the less, it has awakened the other challenging syndicates, and Dennis Comer's defending San Diego Yacht Club, to the exciting possibility of a return to the glorious 120ft J-class boats of pre-war years.

What is clear is that Michael Fay and his lawyers, in studying the Deed of Gift, have discovered nothing new and, more significant, have little or no chance of leapfrogging over other challengers and stampeding Comer into a defence next year, in a boat other than a 12-metre, which he may not fancy.

It became apparent yesterday that the proposal by Fay and his Mercury Bay Boat Club is unlikely to get a ruling through the New York Supreme Court. Indeed, it is said, the San Diego syndicate would immediately receive writs from other challengers, such as Graham Walker's British America's Cup Challenge and the Australians.

"Fay's ideas have been repeatedly referred to among challengers over the past five years and are nothing new," Philip Tollhurst says. He is the legal adviser to the BACC group and the 12-metre Association rules specialist.

There have been only two formal amendments to the Deed in 136 years: the reduction of the minimum waterline length to 44 feet, and flexibility on dates in order to accommodate a southern hemisphere defence. BACC lawyers, who knew lack in 1982 — when they were preparing the challenge by Peter de Savary — what Fay

Cudmore: too powerful

claims to have just discovered, have been involved for six months on an amendment to embrace the relatively recent concept of multiple challenges. Fay's only chance of achieving his proposed radical alteration is to collaborate with other challengers.

The 12-metre championships — which are nothing more than a convenient fleet race series for America's Cup groups — were a major disappointment this summer. Although J-class style yachts, with 90ft waterlines, crews of 30 and 10,000 square feet of sail driving them at 20 knots, would be massively more expensive to build, a two-yearly competition would reduce the absurd escalation of research-and-development costs in 12-metres and would be welcomed by sponsors.

Yet whatever boat is ultimately chosen for the next series, and whenever and wherever it is sailed, the evidence of the 1982-3 and 1986-7 contests has been too fold: that crew and management are every bit as important as design, and that multiple challenges from a single country dissipate resources.

White Horse Crusader failed to reach the semi-final in Fremantle because: 1. Too much authority was vested in Harold Cudmore, the skipper. 2. That "public relations" choice by Walker was necessary to encourage financial support and sponsorship behind an up-front personality. 3. The management structure, while more rational than de Savary's in 1983, failed to detect early enough the on-board fissures within the crew. 4. Shortage of funds and management indecision resulted in misguided preference and maximum effort for the "safe" CI Howlett boat, with limited upper potential, rather than the radical CI Hollow design, which was never given a fair chance.

The intention of three British syndicates — BACC, Blue Arrow (de Savary/Berry), and Virgil (de Branson) — is debatably with a maximum sponsorship pool available for all of them of, say, £25 million. Discussion has already taken place between Walker and Tony Berry of co-ordinating resources, instead of fighting each other for the limited availability of British builders, management and crew. Admiral's Cup report, page 39

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